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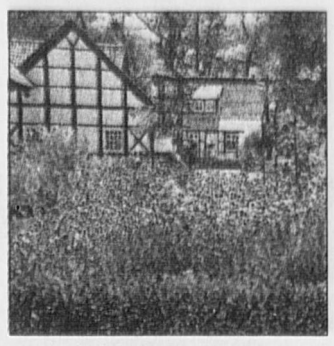

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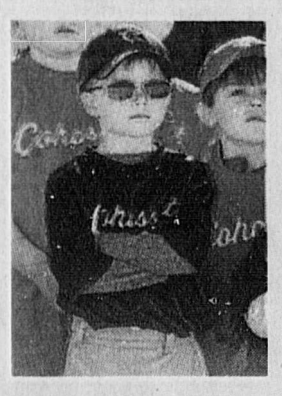

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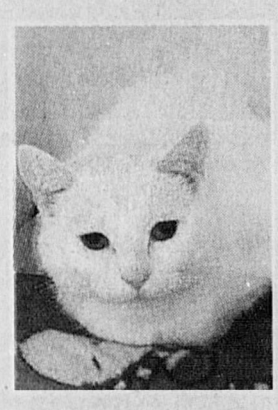

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PLACED 19TH IN STATE

Top marks in school rankings

By Amanda C. Thompson
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The Cohasset School District gets a gold star this year.

The U.S. News and World Report recently released its 2016 Best High Schools Issue. Cohasset placed 19th in the state out of more than 300 schools. Nationally, it was ranked 441st out of roughly 20,000 schools. Take out the charter schools and Cohasset becomes number 13.

"I am so proud of my faculty, students and families," said Superintendent Barbara Cataldo. "Our teachers work so hard, not for any accolades but because it is the right thing to do for our students. I hope that they're as happy as I am."

"And the students," Cataldo added. "They are best reflection of district. Hopefully we've prepared them well to enter the world after graduation."

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U.S. News and World Report partnered with RTI International to comb through this year's data. Schools were awarded gold, silver or bronze medals based on their performance on state assessments, their graduation rates and how well they prepared students for college.

The rankings were generated through a four-step process. One notable difference this year was that, for the first time, graduation rates were factored into the rankings.

That may be part of the reason Cohasset fared so well. Cataldo said that almost everyone at Cohasset High School graduates; she can't think of more than one who hasn't during her tenure in the district.

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GOVERNMENT

Town Meeting draws a crowd

For more, see page A13

By Amanda C. Thompson
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When the American forefathers established a democracy in this country, they must have imagined it running something like this year's Annual Town Meeting – with lots of discussion, close votes, and a packed parking lot outside.

Close to 400 voters attended the meeting on Monday, May 2. Though many left once the school-related matters had been settled, many stuck it out until the meeting ended at 10:30 p.m.

Article 6, the operating budget, provoked the most deliberation. Some members of the Advisory Committee opposed the Board of Selectmen's decision to indulge the schools' request for additional funding on a one-time basis.

The requested $192,000 would go into the special education stabilization fund, established just minutes earlier by a positive vote on Article 5. It would come out of the Town's general stabilization fund, where, according to the Town Manager, the money was available

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The long line of voters turning out for Monday's Annual Town Meeting squeeze through the doorway to the gym to be checked in. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO CHRIS BERNSTEIN

POLITICS

Special senate election Tuesday

By Alice Coyle
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While they are focused on the final drive to the May 10 special election, state senate candidates Joan Meschino, a Hull Democrat, and Republican Patrick O'Connor of Weymouth, were busy last week taking care of the paperwork they need to run for the seat again in the fall.

The deadline for filing the required 300 signatures with local registrars of voters was Tuesday, May 3 — exactly a week before voters will elect the attorney and former Hull Selectwoman or the Weymouth Town Council president to represent the eight-town Plymouth and Norfolk senate district.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

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—Mary Ford, editor

OSGOOD

Playground problems won't slide

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Another skinned knee. Another bandage. Another tissue drying tears. The actions are rote for Kelli Gildea, the Osgood School nurse, and the story of how it happened is just as familiar.

"She gets the anecdotal data," said Principal Bob LeCount. "The skinned knees, the bumped heads: she knows where kids tend to fall. She'll come and tell us, 'They tripped on the same step again.' But she got tired of saying that and finally said, 'Let's do something.'"

While it's true that the current structure is showing its age, Osgood doesn't just want a shiny new playground; the injuries are really the driving factor. Repetitive injuries show that parts of the playground just aren't suitable

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PICTURE THIS

Conor McCarthy

Name: Conor McCarthy.

Occupation: Manufacturer of beverages at the Daily Press Juice Bar.

Best day of your life: Basically any day that begins by traveling to Toast in Hull.

Best vacation: New York City; grandeur makes me go weak at the knees.

Favorite season: It's come to be Summer; I've learned to appreciate it more every year into the tragedy that is adulthood.

Favorite holiday: Christmas; I'm a sucker for good cheer and scented pine.

Favorite snack: Licorice or supremely dark chocolate.

Best Book: Edger Allan Poe's Complete Tales and Poems.

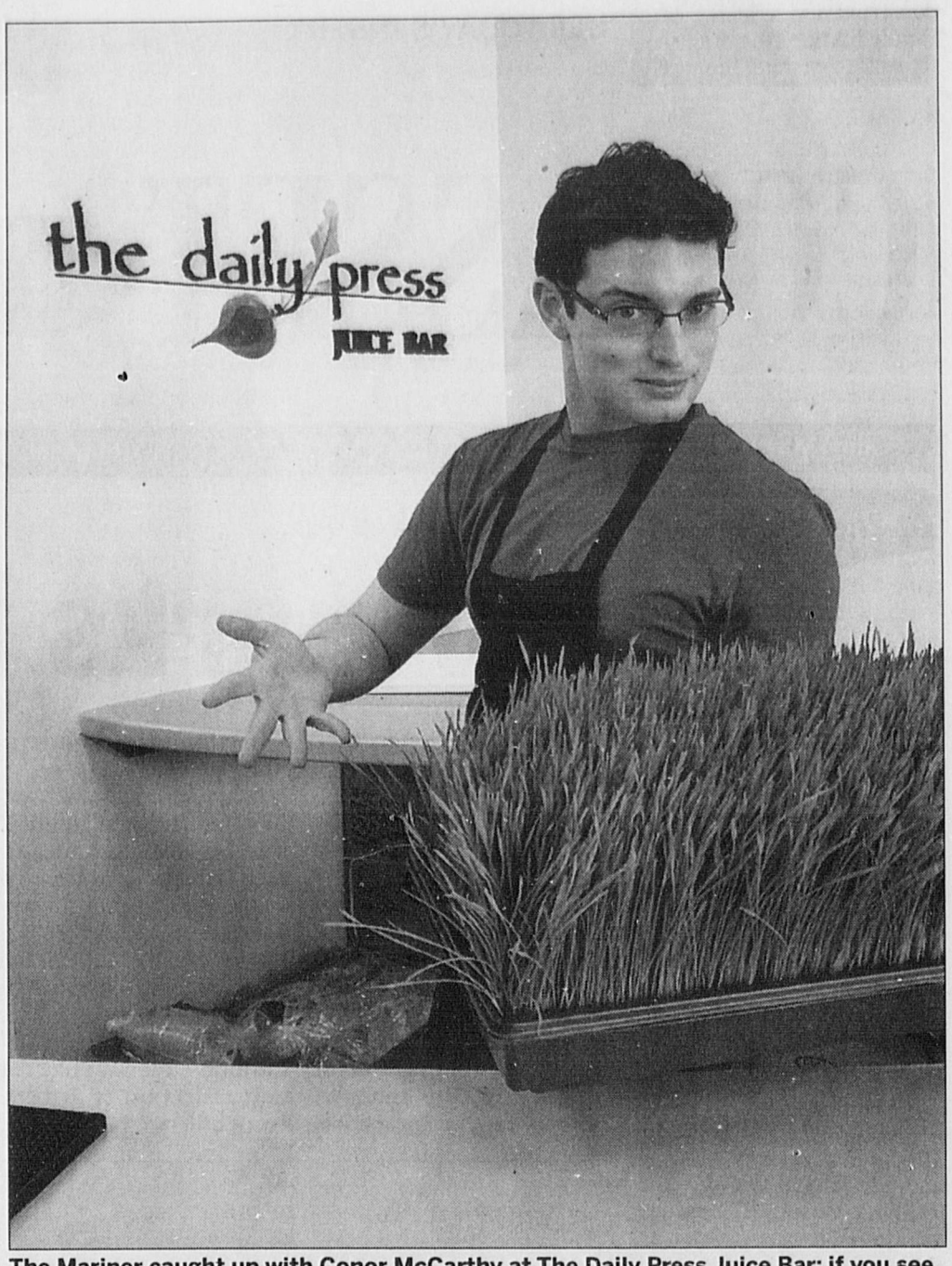
Best actor: Bruce Campbell.

Best TV show: Twin Peaks or The Simpsons.

Favorite music, group or artist: Alice Cooper.

Pet peeve: Rudeness. Not actually drawn from working in customer service.

Most embarrassing moment: A day from when I was still in high school, I plopped myself on a cylinder shaped concrete buffer in front of a convenience store. I had wrapped my legs around it (like a sloth) and whilst conversing with friends, gravity flipped me around in a smooth motion, head slowly making contact with the concrete, legs still totally wrapped around the cylinder (like a sloth). Awkward, slightly embarrassing, a day in my life.



The Mariner caught up with Conor McCarthy at The Daily Press Juice Bar; if you see Conor around town be sure to tell him that you spotted him in Picture This! WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY AMANDA THOMPSON

Person you would most like to meet: Amanda Palmer.

Goal: To end up in the film industry.

Biggest worry: Failing!

Best part of Cohasset: Cohasset is a beauteous little town for sure, but it's also home to copious unique and successful small businesses mostly owned and operated by women. Kinda cool, no?

SATURDAY

Aquarion to host Family Fun Day

Learn more about the local water system as well as easy ways to save water and money at Aquarion Water Company's annual Open House on Saturday, May 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the water treatment plant, 900 Main St. in Hingham.

At the Open House, residents can learn how water quality is treated at the water treatment plant and then delivered through 190 miles of water main to homes and businesses in Hingham, Hull and N. Cohasset.

Aquarion staff will also be on hand to answer any water related questions.

Families are invited as well as there will be a water treatment plant scavenger hunt with prizes awarded, photo opportunities with "Thirsty," Aquarion's mascot, tours of the water plant as well as coffee, bagels and yes – plenty of water.

COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS

Avoiding fraud and scams for seniors

New location: Cohasset Elder Affairs is now located at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. All events and activities will be held in that location unless otherwise noted. The center offers tours for visitors.

■ Fraud and Scam Presentation by Norfolk County Sheriff's Department: 1 p.m. May 12. Become educated on the latest frauds and scams targeting seniors through the U. S. Mail. Learn about the tools available and steps to take to avoid becoming victim. Yellow Dot Program safety information will be available.

■ Candidates Forum at Cohasset Café: 9 a.m. May 9. Meet selectman candidates. Learn about their vision for the community before voting on May 14. Cost is $3 for breakfast.

■ Mother's Day Luncheon: noon, May 10. Attendees don't have to be mothers to help celebrate Mothers everywhere. Enjoy entertainment by pianist Adolfo Leung. Cost is a $3 lunch donation.

■ Lyman Estate and Greenhouse Tour/Waltham: 9:30 a.m. May 12. Tour is followed by lunch at the Chateau restaurant. Architect Samuel McIntire designed this 1793 mansion in the Federal style. The property contains historic greenhouses, a carriage house and gardener's cottage, and 37-acres of pleasure grounds, gardens and woodlands. Cost is $15 for tours and transportation. Lunch is not included in the cost of tours. Call to reserve a spot.

■ Swing Dancing Class: 7 to 8 a.m. May 17-June 7. Taught by Mimi Leary, from the Sandra Baker's School of Dance. Cost is $40 for the entire four-class session.

■ Author Presentation: 1:30 a.m. May 18. Eric Jay Dolin, best-selling author of "Leviathan," will discuss his newest book, "Brilliant Beacons," about America's lighthouses, including the beloved Minot's Light. This program is free but donations are accepted.

South Shore Tide Chart

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MAY 2016		HIGH				LOW					
		AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.	AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.	SUNRISE	SUNSET
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Friday	06	11:31	10.4	11:50	11.3	5:13	-1.6	5:32	-1.1	5:31	7:48
Saturday	07			12:25	10.4	6:05	-1.9	6:23	-1.1	5:30	7:49
Sunday	08	12:41	11.4	1:18	10.3	6:58	-2.0	7:14	-0.9	5:29	7:50
Monday	09	1:33	11.2	2:12	10.1	7:50	-1.8	8:06	-0.6	5:27	7:51
Tuesday	10	2:25	10.9	3:06	9.7	8:42	-1.4	8:59	-0.1	5:26	7:52
Wednesday	11	3:20	10.4	4:03	9.3	9:36	-0.8	9:54	0.4	5:25	7:53
Thursday	12	4:16	9.8	5:00	8.9	10:32	-0.2	10:52	0.8	5:24	7:54

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BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Ross, 61 Joy Place, construct new single-family home with garage to replace existing home, $1,450,000; Tedeschi, 55 Stockbridge St., redo bedroom into bath/install four replacement windows, $20,000; Manchester, 83 Atlantic Ave., 30-square-foot cedar shingle siding, $30,000; Kiley-Podell, 505 Jerusalem Road, exterior renovation, $45,000; Soules, 123 Atlantic Ave., renovate existing home as per plans, $1,000,000;

O'Neil, 85 Jerusalem Road, install 24-by-20 pole tent, $1,700; Kalberer, 48 Aaron River Road, kitchen remodel, $51,000; Shwachman, 501 King St., remodel kitchen and porch/replacement windows, $4,500; Toll Brothers, 17 Hickory Circle, HVAC: two complete systems, $1,000; Bestick, 125 Doane St., 26 square feet asphalt, $10,400; Lawrence, 15 Beach St., interior repairs due to water damage from frozen pipes, $15,000;

Ferreira, 295 Beechwood St., adding to garage on existing foundation, $15,000; Revoir, 13 Haystack Lane, finish basement, $10,000; Meikleham, 178 S. Main St., 20 solar panels, $25,000; Pinkus, 579 Beechwood St., 10 square feet asphalt roofing; 11 square feet shingle siding, $10,000; Klocek, 41 Beechwood St., new single-family dwelling, $325,000; Coletta, 158 Parker Ave., add 1-story bedroom addition, $35,000; Laugelie, 15 King St., 12-by-16 shed, $3,000; Lombardi, 219 Beechwood St., replace windows, siding, trim and front door, $13,623;

Smith, 8 Flintlock Ridge Road, replace skylight/remove bath fixtures/re-tile flooring, $37,900; Landoli, 8 Short St., remove garage/replace with accessory building per plan, $90,000; Li, 175 Beechwood St., finish basement with panels/drop ceiling/insulation, $16,880; Toll Brothers, 18 Hickory Circle, new single-family dwelling, $267,040; Toll Brothers, 44 Hemlock Way, new single-family dwelling, $342,160; Dippold, 93 S. Main St., addition as per plans, $200,000;

Colonial Way Trust, 5 and 7 Stagecoach Way, interior demo: commercial, $3,500; Auger, 17 Lantern Lane, seven square feet asphalt, $4,875; Magner, 121 Nichols Road, demo garage and house, $10,000; Cerelli, 10 Beach St., replace french doors w/slider and add fireplace, $20,000; Duffy, 29 Hillside Drive, 17 solar panels, $11,000; SSG Cushing Co., 81 King St., self-storage facility: foundation only/commercial, $271,450.

Mulcahy, 19 Oak St., demo one-car garage/replace with two-car garage, $30,000; Santacroce, 75 Brewster Road, two-story addition on footprint of existing deck, $140,000; Walat, 61 Nichols Road, demo garage/new two-car garage, front foyer and second floor, $350,000; Rasmussen, 18 Spring St., replace oak columns with steel/concrete, $5,200; Bodell, 35 Fernway, 12-by-16 shed, $2,000; Toll Brothers, 12 Hickory Circle, two HVAC systems, $9,735;

Ford, 55 Pond St., renovate kitchen, two baths/finish basement, $55,000; Crawford, 64 Old Pasture Road., 28 solar panels, $29,032; Bunge, 24 Cedar St., 40 square-feet roofing shingles, $21,231; Larson, 124 King St., 40 square-feet roofing shingles, $35,426; Cushing Realty Trust, 87-89 Cushing Road, front pergola w/railings/new door and sidelites at entrance, $10,000; Carrell, 369 Jerusalem Road, 45 square-feet cedar sidewall, $60,000; Remlinger, 13 Norfolk Road, remodel kitchen/move wall three feet, $50,000; Durant, 16 Beach St., replace garage siding, door and two windows, $15,000;

Village Partners, 16/18 James Lane, New duplex townhouse - two units, $400,000; Faherty, 17 Bayberry Lane, Replace porch and entry with composite, $5,000; Seckinger, 33 Cedar Acres Lane, 26 square-foot roof shinges/28 square-foot clapboard siding, $32,000; 792 Jerusalem Road Ts, 45 Ocean Ledge Drive, Sprinkler system, $10,500; Fletcher Fam Trust, 6 Buttonwood Lane, Reframe knee wall on three sides/new windows, $15,000;

Tangney, 38, Howe Road, 16 square-foot siding/replace two windows, $16,450; Undavia, 63 Nichols Road, extensive interior repairs due to water damage, $45,053; Spofford, 14 Heather Drive, remove and replace kitchen cabinets/remove wall section, $70,000; Berns, 14 Hill St., repair and expand deck, $10,000;

Tam, 265 S. Main St., complete interior demo/garage and deck addition, 620,000; Stevenson, 25 Red Gate Lane, HVAC: second floor A/C installation, 6,000; Magner, 121 Nichols Road, New SF dwelling, 545,000; Nichols, 33 Tower Lane, Rebuild SF home damaged by fire, 750,000; Appel, 19 Windy Hill Road, Remodel kitchen/add 40-inch bump out/demo and repair deck, $140,000; First Parish Church, 23 N. Main St., Interior restoration due to water damage, $195,000; 792 Jerusalem Road Ts, 45 Ocean Ledge Drive, HVAC system, $12,000;

Sutton, 404 Jerusalem Road, Pole tent 24-by-44, $4,000; TOC, 75 Reservoir Road, AT&T: three remote units on tower at Turkey Hill, $7,000; Wheelwright, 333 Beechwood St., Concrete footing and foundation, $15,000; Gilbert, 10 Ash St., Provide two means of egress on existing double family dwelling, $10,000; Hess, 32 Wheelwright Farm, Replace side door with window, $2,000; SS Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., two tents: graduation ceremony, $3,465; Batson, 708 Jerusalem Road, 20 square-foot asphalt roofing, $9,225; Barrett, 738 Jerusalem Road, 35 square-foot asphalt roofing, $21,000; Jamieson, 130 Sohier St., structural repairs, $1,000;

Reinig, 55 Red Gate Lane, kitchen cabinets/open wall to living room, $8,000; Whoriskey, 6 Ripley Road, bath remodel, $15,000; Kelley, 138 Linden Drive, enclose porch to create new mudroom on same footprint, $10,000; SS Pool Supply, 808 CJC Highway, replace damaged sign, $900; Staunton, 30 Hammond Ave, DensePack wall insulation, $2,852;

Ronan Residential, 45 Pleasant St., finish attic into bath and playroom, $23,000; Pennington, 47 Highland Ave., exterior decks and renovations per plans, $150,000; Maiorino, 115 Doane St., kitchen remodel/open staircase/relocate laundry, $40,000; Koraly, 12 Short St., 20 square-foot asphalt roofing, $8,800; Anderson, 113 Border St., replace entrance platform/connect roof to main structure, $12,000; Grover, 115 Forest Ave., 46-by-65 tent and dance floor, $10,000; Lankow, 17 Doane St., new trunk line with five supplies for addition, $2,000.

POLICE BEAT

ID thief steals about $3,400 from victim

By Mary Ford
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ID theft

A 33-year-old Cohasset man reported to police on Sunday that someone had transferred money electronically from his savings to his checking account, ordered a replacement debit card and then went on a spending and withdrawal spree. The ID-theft victim reported $3,000 in fraudulent withdrawals from ATM machines in Brockton and a $1400 charge at Wal-Mart. Police detectives are investigating.

On the loose

Two pygmy goats decided to go on a spring excursion, escaping from their pen on Cedar Street and heading toward Route 228 before being spotted on Sunday (May 1). An officer knew where they belonged and their owner was able to corral them.

Bicycles

Spring and summer in Cohasset can be synonymous with missing, stolen and abandoned bicycles. Police had a report last week about an abandoned bike left in the back yard of a Cohasset house. Police store lost and abandoned bikes in the library basement. If you want to see if your bike is there, contact the police at 781-383-1055.

Money stolen

A 16-year-old Hull High School girl, who is on the track team, reported last week that $60 was missing from her wallet that was her backpack that she had left in the girls locker room. Police notified the athletic director and the school resource officer. The videotapes are also being reviewed as part of the investigation.

Scams

A Norman Todd Lane resident notified police last week about scam calls from someone with a foreign accent. Police remind residents there are a plethora of scams out there that start with a phone call and demand money. The most common scams are the "IRS scam," "Grandparents Scam," "Microsoft Scam" and "Sweepstakes Scam." In Hingham last week three residents fell victim to scams losing a total of around $3,000.

Smoke in house

Smoke in a house on Doane Street last Wednesday (April 27) was due to burned food on the stove. The fire was put out easily but police and fire were delayed due to waiting at the grade crossing on Beechwood Street while a train passed through.

Fraud

A 33-year-old Cohasset woman reported to police last week that her credit card had been compromised. She said $209 had been used to purchase Apple iTunes. The matter is under investigation; police advised her to check her credit report and she was given an identity theft packet.

Well being check

Police responded to a report from a concerned friend about a highly intoxicated woman at a Jerusalem Road residence last week. She was sleeping when help arrived and was determined to be OK.

Parking problem

South Shore Hospital held a volunteer appreciation event at the Red Lion Inn last Thursday (April 28) around lunchtime but there was no parking plan in place for the many guests, police said. As a result guests parked anywhere, blocking Brook Street, using up all the spaces by Tedeschi's and in front of the Teen Center and doctor's office.

Police issued multiple tickets and the manager at the Red Lion made an announcement that guests needed to move their cars or they would be towed. Police said blocking Brook Street was particularly problematic as police and fire use that street in an emergency to reach the high school and Route 3A.

Extra patrols

A neighbor asked police for extra patrols at the end of Beechwood Street by the reservoir because the beer cans littered about are evidence of teens partying in the woods.

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Free legal clinics offered

The Norfolk County Bar Association will host a free legal clinic for the public from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at any of the following dates and locations:

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- July 5, Quincy District Court, 1 Dennis Ryan Parkway, Quincy
- Aug. 2, Dedham District Court, 631 High St., Dedham
- Sept. 13, Quincy District Court, 1 Dennis Ryan Parkway, Quincy

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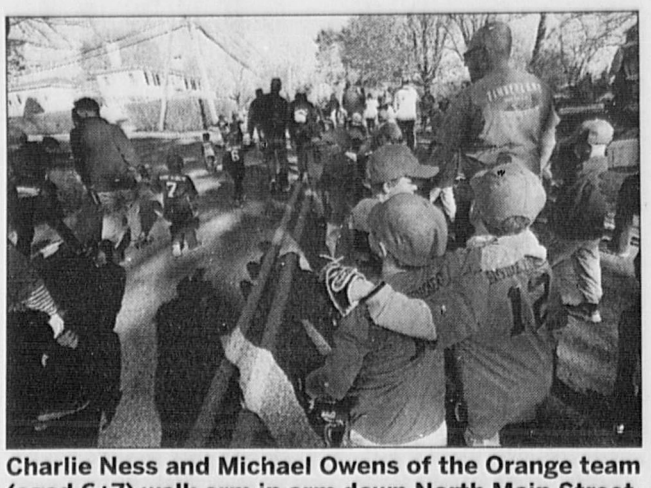
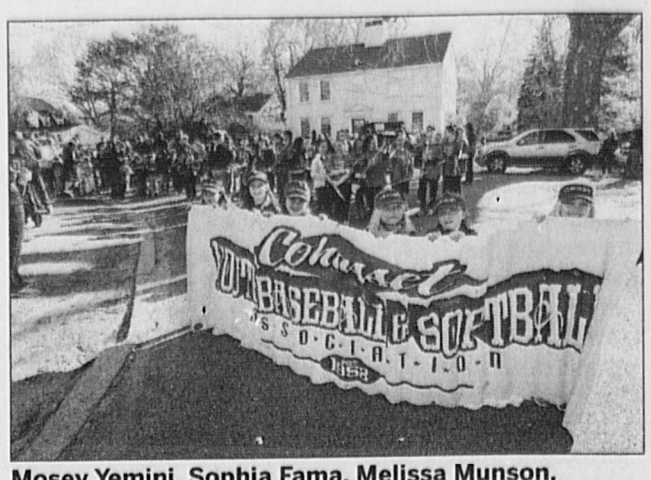
Murphy Buchanan, Cooper Stevens, Braxton Orr, Cooper Norris, Alexis Orr, and "Lola" Orr walk down North Main Street towards Barnes Baseball Complex for opening day ceremonies.



Charlie Ness and Michael Owens of the Orange team (aged 6+7) walk arm in arm down North Main Street during the Little League Parade on Saturday.



Mosey Yemini, Sophia Fama, Melissa Munson, Adelaide Welz, Casey Bennett, and Kendall Berndt are members of the D1 League for (K-2nd Grade) and were leading the parade.

Take me out to the ball game!

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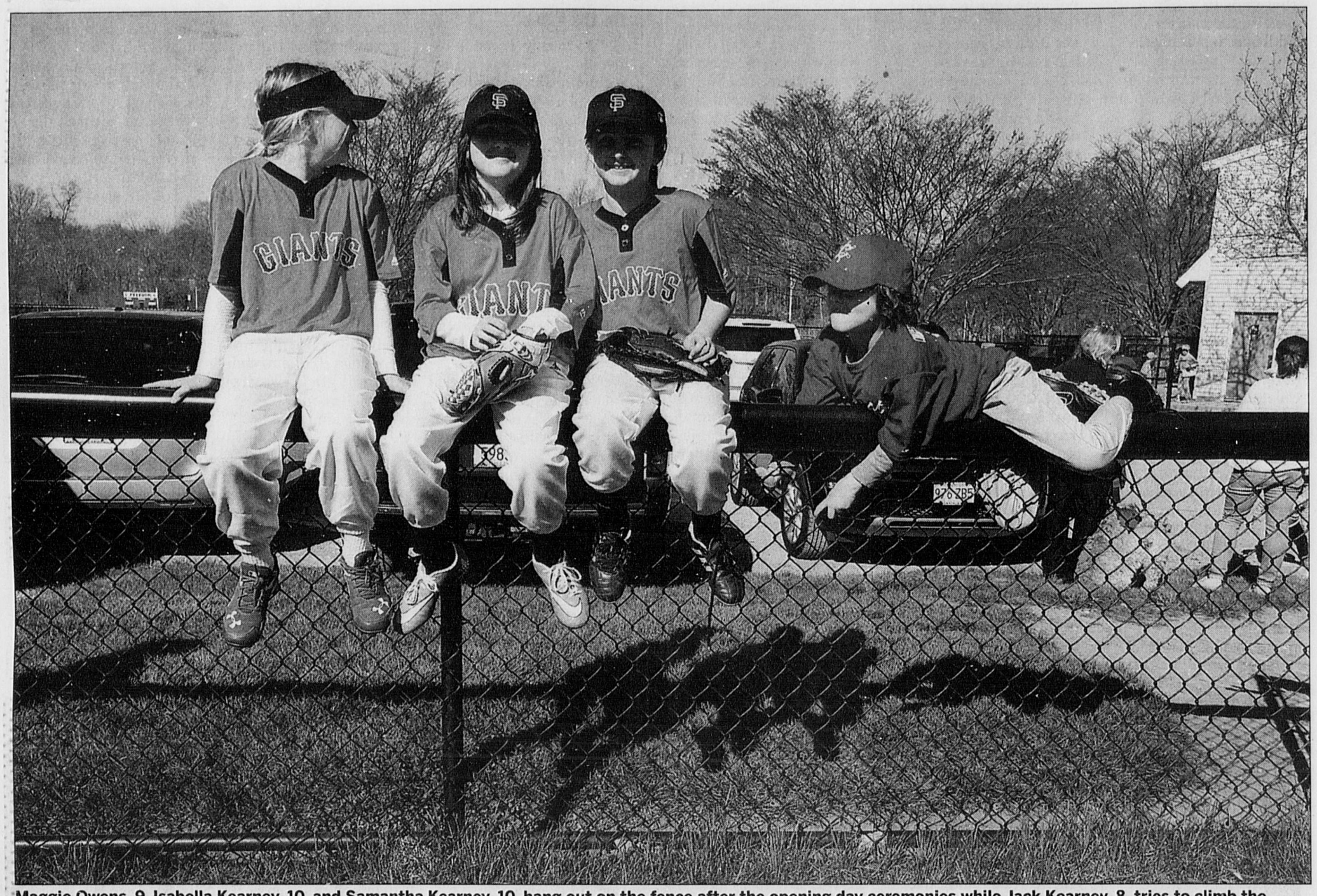
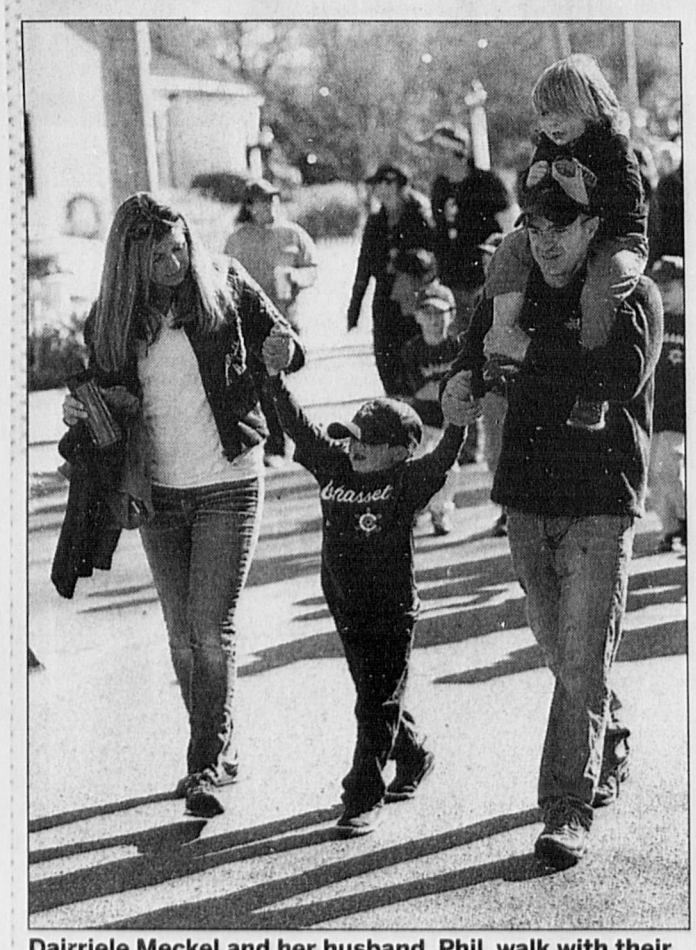
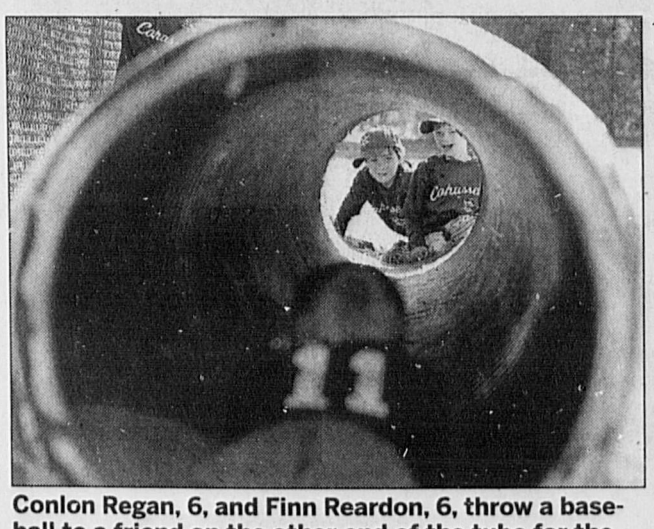


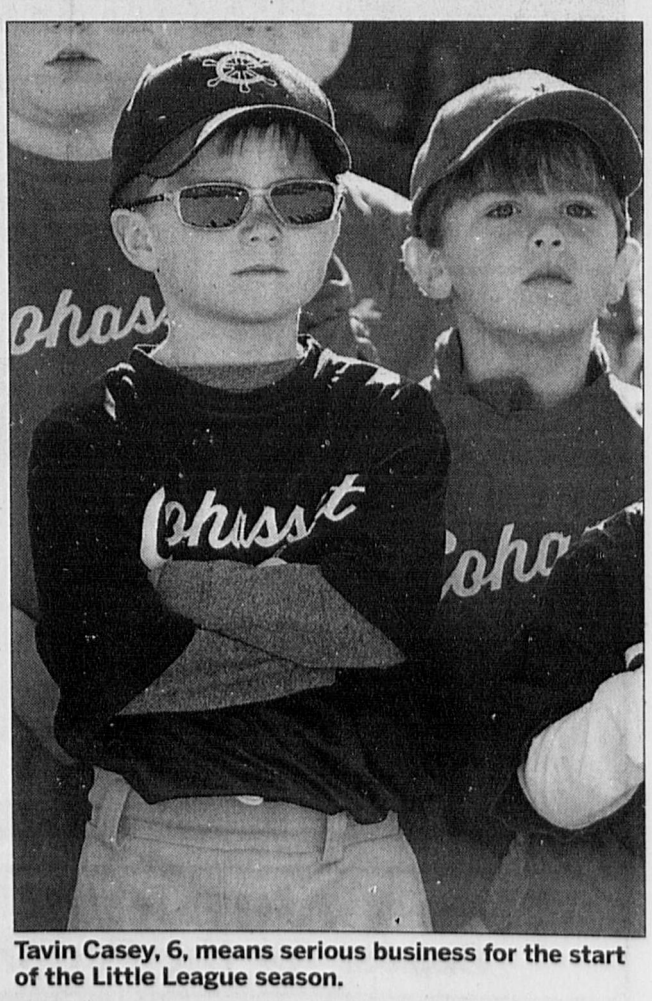
Maggie Owens, 9, Isabella Kearney, 10, and Samantha Kearney, 10, hang out on the fence after the opening day ceremonies while Jack Kearney, 8, tries to climb the fence to join them on Saturday, April 30.



Dairriele Meckel and her husband, Phil, walk with their son, James, 5, who is on the green team in the Grapefruit league while Max, 3, rides the shoulders of his dad in the parade.

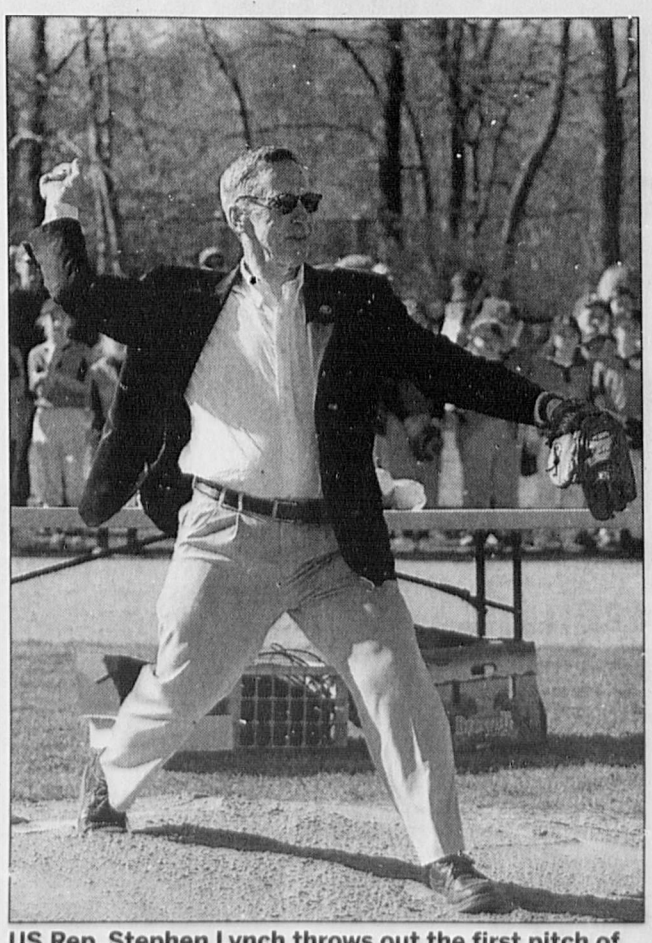


Conlon Regan, 6, and Finn Reardon, 6, throw a baseball to a friend on the other end of the tube for the tarp while having fun after the Little League parade.



Tavin Casey, 6, means serious business for the start of the Little League season.

Emma Koch of North Main Street takes a photograph of the idyllic scene of Little Leaguers walking down North Main Street for the start of the Little League season.



US Rep. Stephen Lynch throws out the first pitch of the Little League season on Saturday.

The Deer Hill Band plays the National Anthem during the opening day ceremony at the Barnes Baseball Complex.

COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB

Annual plant sale is May 21

Each year at this time, members of the Cohasset Community Garden Club check their gardens for perennials that could be divided and shared with gardeners in the community. These plants are potted up this week so they will have recovered from the shock of being moved by May 21st, the day of the club's annual Spring Plant Sale.

Perennials are the main feature at this annual event. The plants that come from these local gardens will be acclimated to our soil and weather conditions; therefore, they should do well in your garden. In addition to perennials, this year's sale will also include herbs for your herb garden and vegetable plants for your vegetable garden.

The Community Garden Club is fortunate to have several Master Gardeners among its members. Their mission is to promote horticultural knowledge. They are an important resource for the members and because of their mission they are happy to be a resource for the public. They will be on hand at the plant sale to answer questions and give advice. Having chosen plants for your perennial garden, your herb garden and your vegetable garden, you can then consult with a Master Gardener about planting and caring for your purchases.

Mark your calendar. The plant sale will take place on Saturday May 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the grounds of the Historical Society, 106 South Main St.

Milkweed, a native plant that hosts Monarch butterflies, will be featured at the plant sale. COURTESY PHOTO

SAVE THE DATE

Osgood Arts Night is May 19

The public is invited for a a fun and festive evening celebrating art and culture from around the world as we "travel" the globe through the creation and enjoyment of art inspired by different countries at the May Arts Night from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 19 at the Osgood School.

The evening will include:

- Globally-inspired interactive art projects in the cafeteria
- Dancing with Mr. Dykas
- A special performance by the Woods School of Irish Dance
- An instrument petting zoo hosted by Mr. Montgomery
- Refreshing Del's Lemonade and other concessions (please bring cash to purchase food!
- Osgood students' artwork on display courtesy of Ms. McMahon
- Face-painting, musical performances & more...

—For more information, contact Anne Gallagher at annesgallagher@gmail.com or Lucinda Vanderweil at lvanderweil@yahoo.com.

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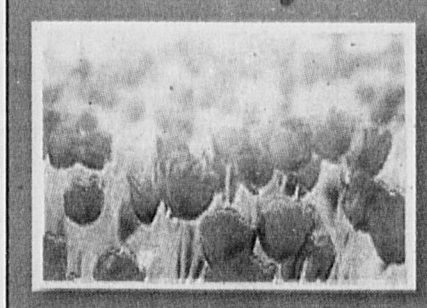

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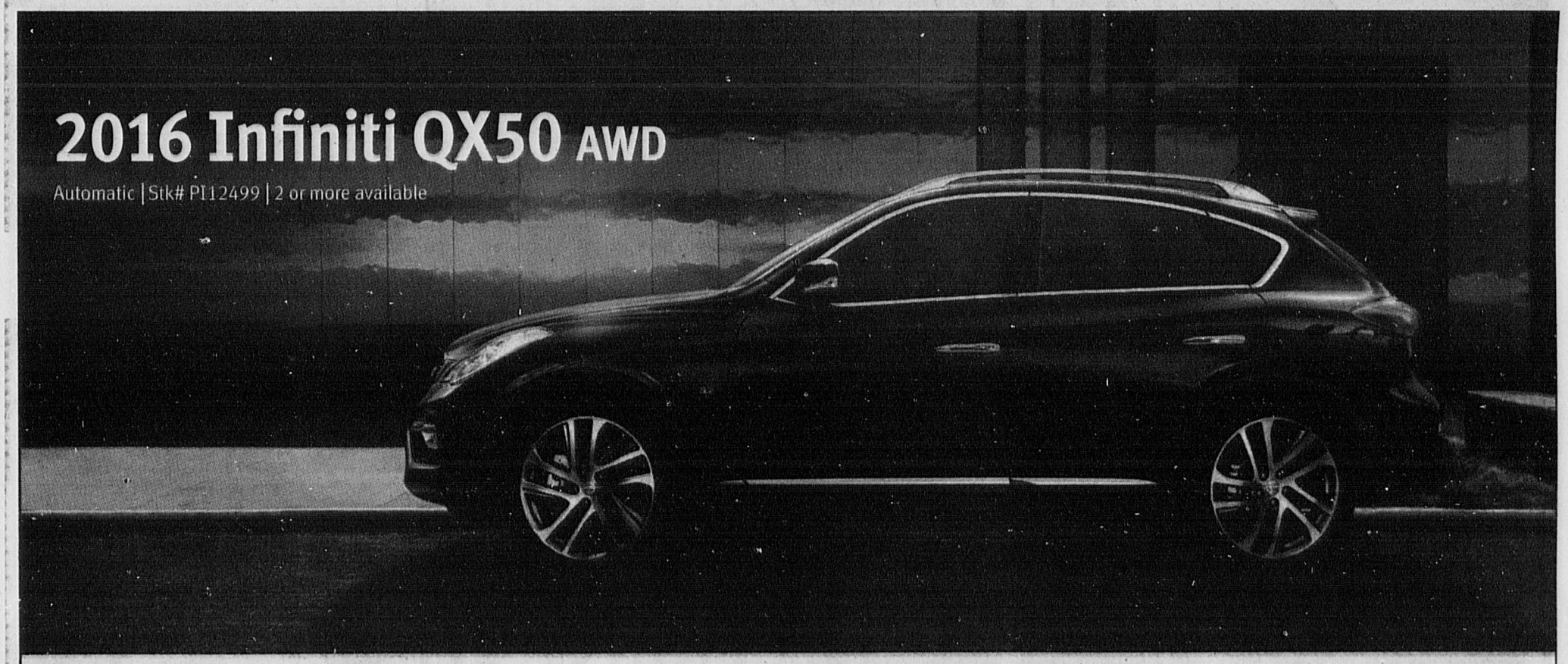

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5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

1 DONATE: Cradles to Crayons is introducing an improved way for Cohasset residents to donate their new and gently used children's clothing and shoes by replacing the standard collection unit in the parking lot of Cohasset Family Health Center with a new mailbox-style donation bin. To celebrate the arrival of the donation bin, Graham Waste will host a Stuff-A-Truck event for Cradles to Crayons from 10 a.m. to noon May 7 in the parking lot of Cohasset Family Health Center, 223 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Community members are encouraged to clean out their closets and bring like-new children's essential items to the event. For more, visit cradlestocrayons.org.

2 COFFEE WITH AUTHORS: Buttonwood Books will host its semi-annual event "Coffee with the Authors," on Thursday (May 12), from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Atlantica. Enjoy continental breakfast while three contemporary authors discuss their latest work. Speakers are Dawn Tripp; "Georgia: A Novel", Pamela Wechsler; "Mission Hill: A Novel" and Jung Yun for "Shelter". Reservations and tckets ($16 per person) are required. Call 781-383-2665 to reserve or order online at buttonwoodbooksandtoys.com.

3 BLUEGRASS: Wheelhouse Rodeo, a Cohasset bluegrass band, are at The American Legion on Summer Street in Cohasset tomorrow night, (May 7), and are playing Hullapalooza, a charity event for the Hull Land Conservation Trust at The C-Note on Sunday May, 15th at 4:30 p.m. Visit: www.facebook.com/wheelhousereodeo

4 PARAGON CAROUSEL: The Paragon Carousel is hosting the Diamond Jubilee Organ, the largest touring antique fairground organ in the Americas, and one of only two similar instruments in the United States. The organ will be set up on the front lawn of the Paragon Carousel in Hull from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 8. Flowers will be presented to the first 50 mothers who take a ride on the carousel. For more, visit www.paragoncarousel.com or www.carouselorgan.com.

Don't miss the Stuff-A-Truck event to celebrate the new Cradles to Crayons donation bin on Saturday, May 7, outside Cohasset Family Health Center, hosted by Graham Waste. COURTESY PHOTO

5 HONORING VETERANS: Veterans Services Officer Vincent Fountaine is looking for volunteers to assist him in replacing the American flags on the gravesites of veterans buried at Woodside Cemetery. Volunteers should meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 7, at the MBTA-Greenbush station next to Woodside. About 500 veterans are buried at Woodside. For information, Fountaine can be reached at 781-635-4407.

SENIOR CENTER

Swing dance class to start May 17

Cohasset Elder Affairs will offer a four-session swing dance class from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings beginning May 17 at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St.

Popular in the 1930s and 1940s, this style of dance is the foundation of many other dance types including disco, country line dancing and hip hop.

This class is taught by Mimi Leary from the Sandra Baker's School of Dance. Cost is $40 for the session, and payment due at the first class. Classes are open to all ages.

To reserve a spot, call 781-383-9112.

AROUND TOWN

Spring Birding walk Saturday

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

Mothers Day

Hello Cohasset, Happy May! After a rainy and somewhat chilly week, it looks like an end may be in sight. This weekend, on Sunday we have a day that I hope is a bit brighter as we celebrate Mothers Day. This day is one that brings families together to honor, remember and just say thanks to our Moms for all they do. For many, the kiddos bring home the cute, adorable gifts from school with misspelled words, handprints and flowers and for others, it is a day in which Moms are no longer here. Whatever the day brings, enjoy and reflect on the moments and memories and to all the Moms out there, Happy Mothers Day.

Spectacle Island

Next Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m., an interesting program is taking place at the Nantasket Beach Resort in Hull. Come and celebrate Spectacle Island and bring your friends. It has been 10 years since Spectacle Island reopened to the public, offering Boston-area residents an urban escape just minutes away from the city. Once used as a seasonal hunting ground by Native Americans, Spectacle Island later housed a quarantine station, a grease reclamation plant, and a horse rendering facility. For over 50 years, the city used the island as a place to dispose of garbage, which even added 36 acres to the size of the island.

So how did a place covered with trash become a sparkling emerald isle? Join Ellen Berkland, Archaeologist for the Department of Conservation and Recreation, as she recounts her experience of working on Spectacle island during its reclamation and restoration. This sounds like a super evening for all and is a free night with donations accepted.

Spring Birding

Join locally renowned birding expert and enthusiast Sally Avery this Saturday, May 7th from 8 to 10 a.m. for "Spring Birding" in the woods and trails at Holly Hill Farm. Sally has led numerous tours for Mass Audubon, as well as for the Friends of Holly Hill Farm. Sally has a local and statewide following who delight in her expertise and program presentation. Bring good walking shoes and keen ears and eyes as we delight in this lovely rite of spring. Free to all, but preregistration is encouraged. Rain or shine, unless heavy rainfall. The event is free to all and is at Holly Hill Farm. 781-383-6565.

Farm to Table

The Annual Farm-to-Table Dinner at Holly Hill on Saturday, May 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. Come join in for an asparagus dinner with Chef Maryann Saporito from Hola! In Marshfield who will take advantage of the early season farm offerings to prepare a 5-course menu. The cost is $125 per person for Friends of Holly Hill Farm members, $150 per person for nonmembers. Wine and beer pairings are included.

The evening includes a tour of the asparagus field to understand how this perennial crop is organically grown and harvested. Proceeds will support educational programs at the Farm and at local schools. Kindly email or call to reserve seating. Go to the website to purchase your tickets: hollyhillfarm.org. For more call 781-383-6565 or email: friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.org

Walk for peace

Community members are invited to join the "Compassionate Cohasset" walking team on Sunday, May 8, as they participate in Boston's 20th annual Mother's Day Walk for PEACE. This is a huge year for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute and its supporters as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Walk!

The Walk is the major fundraiser for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute – a nonprofit organization committed to ending violence by offering a nationally recognized Peace Education Curriculum, crises management for families, promoting peaceful resolution to prevent retaliatory violence and training for professionals dealing with families impacted by violence, trauma and loss.

Participating in the 6.8 mile (2.5 to 3 hrs.) walk will a powerful and uplifting experience! Carpools will leave Cohasset Town Hall at 7 a.m. and return at the end of the Walk. Shuttle buses will offer walkers rides as needed during the Walk. If you are unable to walk but would like to support the good works of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute your donation will be much appreciated! For more, contact Connie Afshar atc.afshar@comcast.net (781-985-6006).

Pizza Party

Come and wear your Derby Hats for the Kentucky Derby Pizza Party sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary at the Cohasset Legion Hall, 98 Summer St. on May 7th! Race tickets are being sold starting at 5 p.m. with pizza and festivities starting at 5:30. Race time is 6:34 p.m. Stop on by, enjoy a Mint Julep or two, and have a great time cheering on your favorites with friends...

—That's it for this week Cohasset. Send in your news by Tuesday at 5 p.m. Have a great week...1-4-3: EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com

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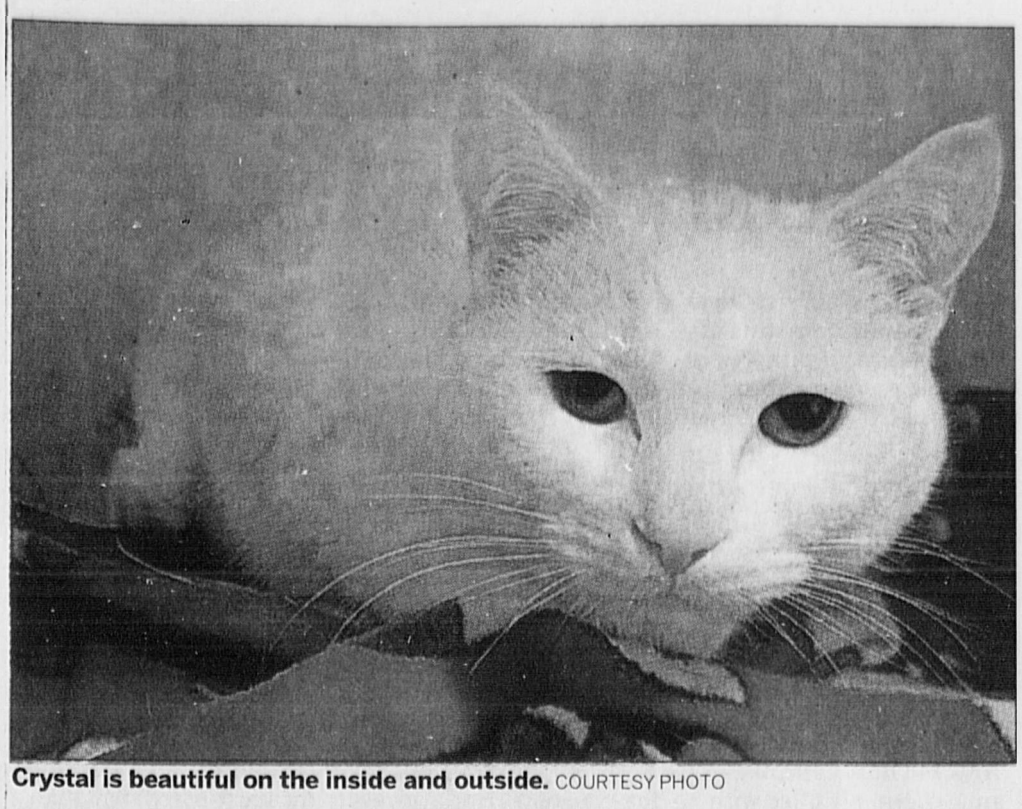

Crystal is beautiful on the inside and outside. COURTESY PHOTO

Blue-eyed Crystal is a real gem

By Tammy Hatch

Meet Crystal, a deaf, stunningly beautiful, pure white cat with piercing porcelain blue eyes. Crystal was rescued from a home where there were more pets than her well-intended owner was able to care for.

Some all-white coated cats are known to suffer from this congenital form of deafness (that is to say they are born this way) caused by a degeneration of their inner ear. This condition is also associated with blue irises (eyes).

Because Crystal cannot hear, she startles easily and reacts to visitors who reach out to pet her by putting up a defensive paw and hissing. New experiences can stress any cat, and when a cat hisses, they are communicating emotions of fear, confusion, unhappiness and a readiness to lash out and protect if necessary.

Once eye contact is made with Crystal and she knows there is no reason for her to feel threatened, she settles and enjoys gentle petting, eating treats from your hand and playing with wand toys.

As we so often try to convey, most cats don't easily adjust to life change, and adjustment to shelter life is especially hard. It's not uncommon for a cat to stress when they are relocated to a shelter where there are not only dramatic changes to their day-to-day life and routine, but there are other cats and new people to contend with as well. For a special needs cat like Crystal, the adjustment is especially difficult.

Cats display their grief in different ways and Crystal is displaying hers with an unpredictable feistiness. That said, there is no reason why Crystal cannot one day live a happy, fulfilled life. Crystal doesn't know she's different, and with a few extra accommodations, a lot of patience, understanding and TLC, we believe this special girl will, in time, develop an incredibly strong bond with her adopter.

You can learn more about Crystal as well as the other cats and kittens we have available for adoption by visiting us online at www.hsar.org or by visiting us at our new location, 487 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Open hours are Monday nights, 6:30 to 7:30, and Saturdays, 2 to 3 p.m. If these times are not convenient for you, special appointments can be made by calling our adoption coordinator at 781-534-4902.

Yard sale

Stem to Stern...Hull's town-wide yard sale is coming! Please stop by and visit us at 487 Nantasket Ave. on May 21 & 22 and find some treasures. All proceeds will go directly to help homeless cats and kittens. We also have some 2016 Kittendales calendars left which we will have available for purchase.

Tammy Hatch is a Volunteer and Board Member at Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

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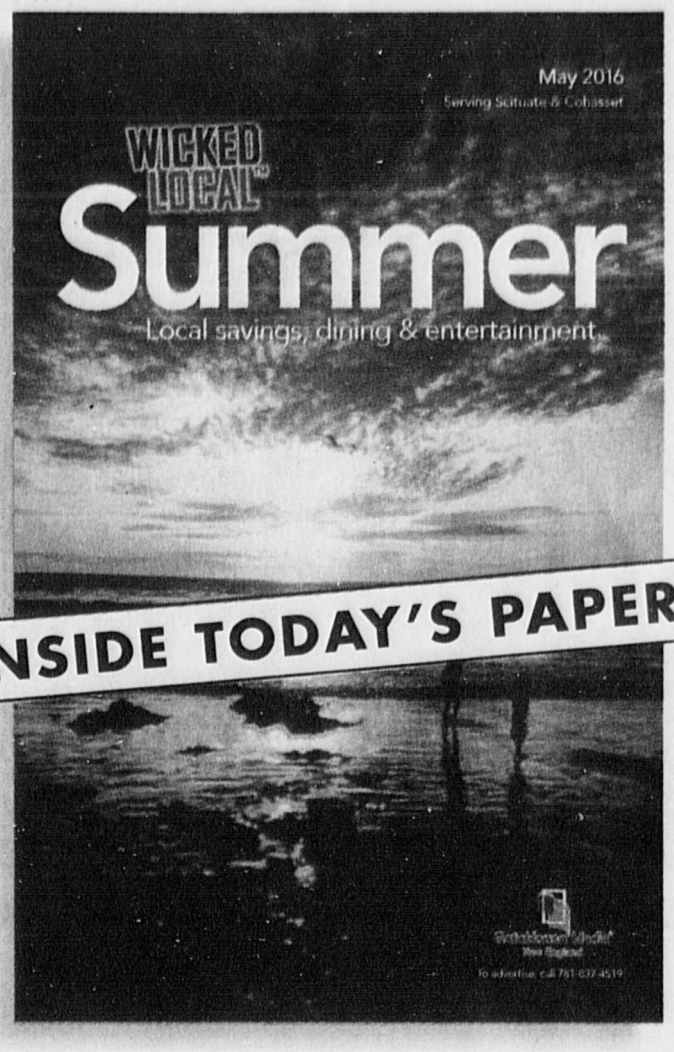

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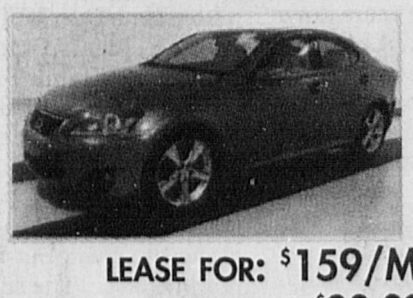

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SAVE THE DATE

Witches of Eastwick to be shown May 11

The Cohasset Historical Society will continue its Wednesday Evening Lecture Series with a showing of the movie "The Witches of Eastwick" at 6:30 p.m. May 11 in the Pratt Building, 106 S. Main St, Cohasset.

The screening will recognize the film's 30th anniversary. It was in 1986 that the production crew and cast spent six weeks in Cohasset and other Massachusetts towns filming scenes for the movie. Cast members Jack Nicholson, Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer and Susan Sarandon could be seen around town in between filming.

All residents are invited to the showing, however, the film has an R rating.

SAVE THE DATE

Buttonwood hosts Coffee with Authors

Buttonwood Books and Toys will host its semi-annual event "Coffee with the Authors," on Thursday (May 12), from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Atlantica Restaurant.

Enjoy a continental breakfast while three contemporary authors discuss their latest work. Featured speakers are Dawn Tripp; "Georgia: A Novel", Pamela Wechsler; "Mission Hill: A Novel" and Jung Yun for "Shelter". Tripp's novel explores "Georgia O'Keeffe, her love affair with photographer Alfred Stieglitz, and her quest to become an independent artist. Wechsler story is a new police procedural set in Boston introducing Abby Endicott, chief of the DA's homicide unit in Boston and Yun's book asks the question – can we change the hard-wired dynamic of family? Is our character one of choice or manifest destiny?

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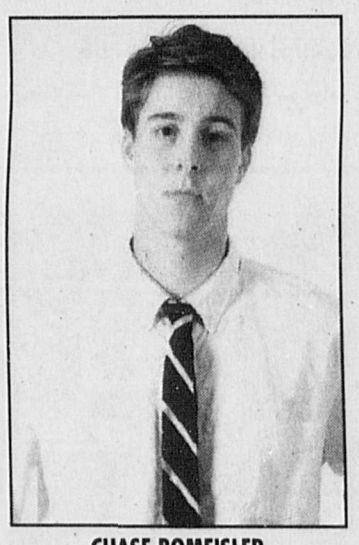

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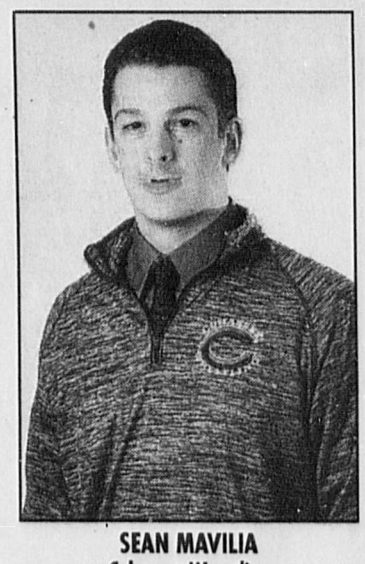

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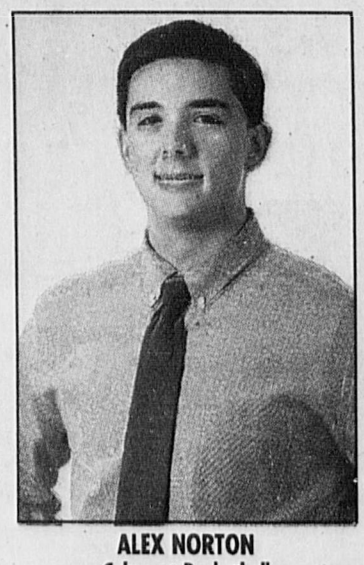

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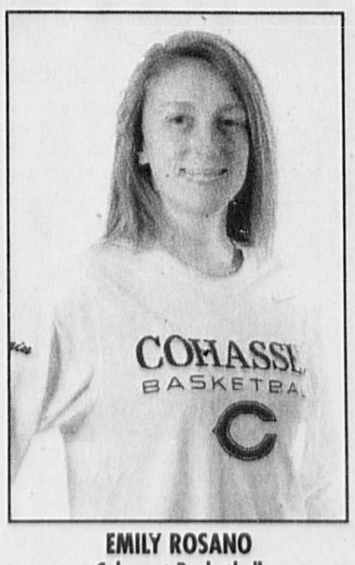

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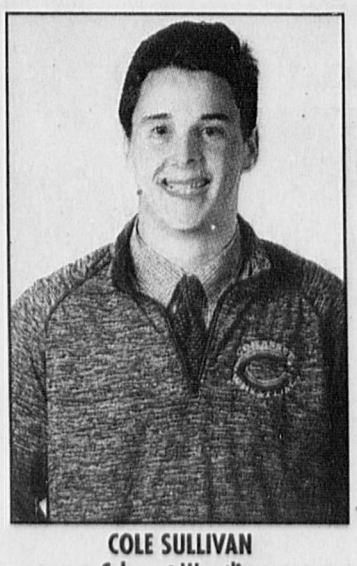

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RANKINGS

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The first step of the ranking process looked at students' performance compared to statistical expectations for the state. Reading and math scores on standardized tests provided the basis for this, with other factors such as economic advantages being considered as well.

The second step weighed how students who are disadvantaged based on race or income compared to other disadvantaged students in the state. A favorable comparison shows that the school is successfully teaching to all of its students, not just those who fit a certain mold.

The third step verified whether a sufficient percentage of students were graduating from the school. With a threshold of only 68 percent, Cohasset, with its near-perfect record, had no difficulty shining in this category.

Finally, step four measured students' college-readiness based on Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate test data. Both programs offer college-level curricula in the high school classroom.

Any school that did not meet the benchmark for the first three criteria was eliminated before AP scores were even considered. In total, U.S. News nationally ranked the 6,218 highest-scoring schools as gold, silver or bronze based on AP participation and performance.

Cohasset, landing within the top 500, got a gold medal.

"Even though the ranking is based on high school," said Cataldo, "all this work is being done beginning at kindergarten that provides students with the foundation, so that when they get to high school they can continue to grow and develop. It's not just a high school effort but a whole-district effort."

"As I leave the district, I'm very happy for them," said Cataldo, who is stepping down the end of June. "It's a nice parting gift."

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OSGOOD

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for all of the children using it.

But the wear and tear on the structure does play a role. Five or 10 years down the road, said LeCount, rehabilitation would probably have to happen anyway. If it's going to happen, why not use that opportunity to make the play space safer for everyone?

"That playground has been there since the school was built," said Superintendent Barbara Cataldo. "Back then, Osgood was grades K to three. Developmentally, some of the structures aren't suitable for younger children; they need something that's suitable for pre-K through second-graders."

School leadership has kicked off the planning stages for a new Osgood playground. No one knows yet what it will look like. A separate structure for preschoolers is a likely addition. In LeCount's imagination, an amphitheater, basketball court, baseball field, labyrinth, or murals could also be included.

But so far, it's all just talk. LeCount said it's important to coordinate with the Recreation Department on this project, since the summer Rec program uses the Osgood and Deer Hill buildings and equipment through July and August. He recently initiated conversations with Rec Director Ted Carroll.

The school has also tapped into the wisdom of the team that helped rehabilitate Deer Hill's playground, locals Francesca Arnold and Ralph Tullio.

Arnold said that she and Tullio had shared ideas and contacts with LeCount and would be happy to continue offering guidance along the road, but they're not in charge. The school is currently looking for enthusiastic parents to take the wheel.

"Deer Hill was such a satisfying and wonderful project," said Arnold. "It would be great if wonderful and energetic volunteers came forward to do the same thing at Osgood. It's very gratifying, because the kids love it – and that's the most important thing."

With the School Committee, Rec Department, and PSO on board, the next step is bringing together that winning team to carry the idea through to completion over the next two to three years. Interested parents should reach out to LeCount at 781-383-6117.

Finally, LeCount said, it's not too soon to start thinking about grants. It's too late to include this project in plans for the 2016-17 school year, but he hopes that the Community Preservation Committee or Cohasset Education Foundation may be able to help in the next grant cycle.

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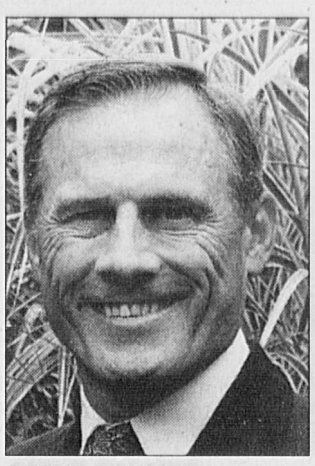
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

For Selectman Candidates:

At this point you have spent some time on the campaign trail. What have voters told you are their biggest concerns and how do you plan to address them?

Steve Gaumer



STEVE GAUMER

Voters have many concerns as one might expect from a community. I have found the most frequent concerns in these three categories:

■ **Finances:** Citizens regularly ask whether we can continue to operate within our tax levy. They are thankful for the fiscal progress and discipline displayed in the past few years, though wonder if that can continue.

As selectman, I will continue promoting the policies which produced our financial stability, because I contributed to the disciplines which created them. These include regular transfers to stabilization funds, long-term planning and encouraging efficient service delivery.

■ **Education:** Many families move to Cohasset, attracted by our schools. Our district is compact and parents feel a close connection to our children's teachers. The quality of education is among the most highly ranked in the state. Still, they worry that the town's commitment to educational excellence will fade.

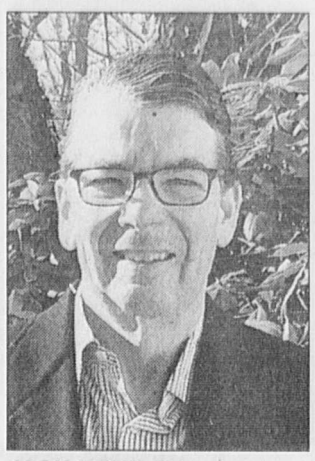
I've long been an advocate for our district's achievement. As of May, all of my children will have graduated from Cohasset Schools, giving me a combined 39 years' experience with our schools. I will continue to work to assure that Cohasset provides the same, excellent education afforded to my children.

■ **Participation:** Our committee and board volunteers regularly ask for help.

Each citizen has a basic responsibility to participate in Town Meeting, and vote in town elections, though for our town to run as your community we need your skills and contribution to our committees and boards too. More recently, the vacancies have become numerous and applications fewer.

As selectman I have, and will continue to promote the need for your time and talent on our committees, because committees contribute so much value to our town.

Jack Keniley



JACK KENILEY

Monday's Annual Town Meeting brought into stark contrast the two concerns the voters have raised with me — how do we maintain adequate funding for the schools so that we can continue to support a top school system and how do we keep Cohasset affordable for all citizens?

The preparation of the annual budget has always been a high wire act between balancing the needs of the town with a limited ability to fully fund all proposed spending because of our small size and limited commercial tax base. It takes careful preparation and planning to do it well, which we have not always managed to do.

Six years ago the Selectmen established a Governance Committee in part to review structure and organization of the budget and they asked the Capital Budget Committee to review our infrastructure needs.

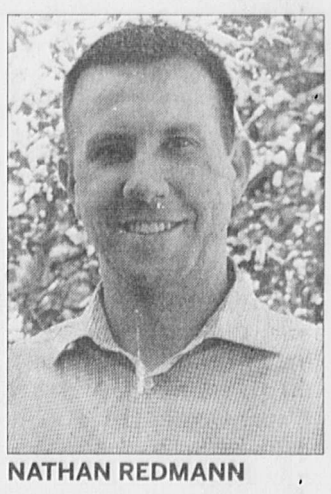
The Selectmen believed we would benefit from a more structured planning process and upgrading our infrastructure and systems would allow us to more effectively manage and deliver town services.

I was a member of both committees and led the efforts to review our IT and accounting issues and I wrote the manual on the process for constructing the annual town budget.

We published an IT report in 2012 that became the basis for the current IT upgrade which will support the digital learning rollout in the schools. We implemented a formal budget planning process in 2012 which resulted in two successful budget cycles and then disbanded in 2014.

The findings are still relevant. It is critical that we keep moving forward with the IT and infrastructure upgrades and we need to bring back the Budget Planning Group.

Nathan Redmann



NATHAN REDMANN

Not surprisingly, the biggest concern I hear regards the schools: how do we maintain a top-notch school system and how do we pay for it? With persistent growth of the student population and rising academic standards, this is a challenge demanding attention. Other concerns follow previous week's themes: cultivation of alternative revenue, attention to housing needs, preservation of Cohasset's character. Also, why don't we have more (better) sidewalks?

Perhaps most surprising and most compelling are concerns regarding the transparency and accessibly of our town government. The perception that town decisions are made behind closed doors, by a select few in the community, needs to be acknowledged and dissolved. To do so, we must adopt strategies that remove the barriers to participation and information.

First, recognize that large portions of our community are restricted from traditional methods of participation. Evening meetings, uncertainty in schedules, and short notices on agendas particularly affect senior citizens and parents of young children. We should identify opportunities to open avenues to alternative methods of participation and adopt stricter policies on posting meeting notices, agendas, and official minutes.

Second, leverage the power of technology and the new town infrastructure. All town meetings should be streamed in real-time and recorded; currently only the Board of Selectmen and School Committee are televised/recorded. All discussions of official town business should be on the record and immediately accessible. Methods to promote transparency are relatively straightforward. We can streamline the distribution of and access to information by redesigning the town website and harnessing the power of social media.

By opening doors (literally and virtually) we create greater transparency, improve accessibility and encourage participation by all Cohasset constituencies.

CANDIDATE PROFILES NEXT WEEK

This was the last week for Question of the Week. Stay tuned to the Cohasset Mariner for profiles next week of candidates that are running in contests. We will feature the three candidates for the Board of Selectmen and two candidates for the Recreation Commission.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates in the Town Election. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

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OUR VIEW

Thirty-eight and counting

In terms of the lifespan of newspapers, your Cohasset Mariner is not even close to being middle-aged. However your small-town paper has been remarkably resilient considering print-enterprises can be fragile.

What does the Cohasset Mariner have in common with U.S. Open Champions Jimmy Connors and Chris Evert; Super Bowl VII champions, the Dallas Cowboys; Home Depot; Louise Brown, the first "test-tube baby, " and Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds getting his 3,000th major league hit? They all "happened" in 1978.

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The paper has changed a lot, since then Mariner newspaper publisher, David Cutler, launched the Cohasset Mariner along with the Scituate Mariner, which were third and fourth in a chain that began in the 1970s with the Marshfield and Norwell Mariners.

We started off as a small, black and white, tab-style paper. Color was introduced in the 1990s and we switched to a broadsheet format.

We also joined the Internet in the 90s and are now part of full media company, GateHouse Media New England Region. (You can find us online at wickedlocalcohasset and follow us on twitter and Facebook.)

Back in 1978, Cable-TV was in its infancy judging from the fact the most popular TV shows were: Laverne & Shirley, Happy Days, Mork & Mindy, Three's Company, and Angie, all on ABC.

The biggest artists included: Abba, Barbra Streisand, Barry Manilow, The Bee Gees, Billy Joel, The Commodores, Debby Boone, Dolly Parton, Donna Summer, The Eagles, Earth, Wind & Fire, Fleetwood Mac, George Benson, Jefferson Starship, Johnny Mathis, KC & the Sunshine Band, Kiss, Linda Ronstadt, Olivia Newton-John, Paul McCartney & Wings, Quincy Jones, Rod Stewart, The Rolling Stones, Smokey Robinson, and Stevie Wonder.

In 1978 the US President was James Earl Carter, Jr. and Vice President was Walter F. Mondale. The population of the country was 222,584,545 compared to nearly 319,000,000 today. The cost of a first-class stamp went from 13 cents to 15 cents. Richard Nixon wrote his memoirs. And the "Framework for Peace" in the Middle East was signed by Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin after 13-day conference at Camp David led by President Jimmy Carter.

Over the past 38 years, the Mariner has covered Cohasset graduations, town meetings, sports events, countless selectmen's meetings, and much, much more. ("Picture This" on page A2 has been a feature for the past 25 years highlighting 3500 different people!) Cohasset never ceases to surprise us—we enjoy providing thorough town coverage and look forward the the next 38 years and beyond!

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LETTER

Cohasset taxpayers are not shirkers

In your April 29th issue, the author of the commentary entitled "Our schools are failing our children, ourselves" implies that the reason is because Cohasset taxpayers are "shirking their promises and responsibilities." That is not the case.

Looking at some of the towns the author compares Cohasset with we find Cohasset taxpayers pay 2016 real estate taxes at a rate of $12.88 per $1,000 of valuation the same as Dover and higher than Hingham (12.49), Brookline (10.42) and Wellesley (11.83). Of our neighboring towns only Norwell taxpayers pay a higher rate (16.50).

Earlier this year The Patriot Ledger reported that "Homebuyers worried about sticker shock on their property tax bills should steer clear of the upscale seaside town of Cohasset, where the average bill on a single-family home is $11,483. That is the 13th highest in the state" and reportedly higher than Duxbury, Hingham and Norwell.

Clearly Cohasset taxpayers are not shirkers when it comes to paying taxes. If the schools are failing our children there are other reasons.

Paul L. Lualdi
56 Deep Run

DON'T MISS THIS

Absentee ballots for town election

Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election on May 14 are available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon on Friday, May 13 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls are open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by May 14 to be counted.

SPECIAL ELECTION

Voting absentee for state senate

Absentee ballots for the special state election on May 10 are available at the Cohasset town clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon May 9 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election.

Applications are available on the town of Cohasset's website at cohassetma.org, on the homepage, and in the town clerk's office. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the town clerk's office by May 10 to be counted.

STATEHOUSE

Cohasset receives highway funds

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, recently announced that towns within the 3rd Plymouth District will receive certain funding through the Massachusetts Highway Department to repair and maintain local public roads in the coming year.

"I am very pleased that the town of Cohasset will receive $210,380 in Chapter 90 in the fiscal year 2017," Bradley said. "The maintenance and improvement of our roads and bridges is essential not only for transportation, but for the jobs they provide. It is mutually beneficial for road safety as well as our economy. It pleases me to see our community funding and the much needed roadway projects that will result."

The Chapter 90 formula is based on road miles, population and employees. The formula was developed by the Legislative Road Caucus of the Transportation Committee. The factors used in the formula are 58.33 percent road miles, 20.83 percent population and 20.83 percent employment. The state adds the total number of public ways in a town to determine how many road miles are to be included in the formula.

COHASSET CONSERVATION TRUST

Fairies, Elves and Troll Quest

For the 2016 season, The Cohasset Conservation Trust is introducing a new, clue-directed Fairies, Elves and Troll Quest through Cohasset's Great Brewster Woods that starts at the edge of the Cohasset Common.

The self-guided 1-mile walk turns nature exploration into a hunt, ending with a treasure box. The new quest, designed by CCT director Katie Holden, challenges residents to find hidden fairies, elves and a troll made from trees, shrubs, lichens and moss found along the trail. The quest is a partnership between the Cohasset Conservation Trust and the South Shore Quests that offers walks on 15 local public lands and parks throughout the area.

"The CCT Quest is a kid-friendly activity that can be enjoyed by the entire family. It is also a perfect way to unplug from the daily routine and connect with nature," said Debbie Shadd, president of the Cohasset Conservation Trust. "The Trust is thrilled to once again be involved in South Shore Quests and introduce the community to Cohasset's spectacular wooded scenery."

The Quest season runs to Nov. 15. Walkers can purchase a South Shore Quest guidebook for $5 at the CCT's table at the Cohasset Farmer's Market this summer or at Holly Hill Farm. For more information, visit southshorequests.org.

COMMUNITY LIGHTS

Local organizations should email editor Mary Ford at mford@wickedlocal.com with details of their volunteer opportunities and contact information.

■ Veterans Services Officer Vincent Fountaine is looking for volunteers to assist him in replacing the American flags on the gravesites of veterans buried at Woodside Cemetery. Volunteers should meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 7, at the MBTA-Greenbush station next to Woodside. About 500 veterans are buried at Woodside. Fountaine can be reached at 781-635-4407.

■ Hull Seaside Animal Rescue needs foster parents to house, feed and care for kittens and mother cats. Commitment can range from 8 weeks to 3-4 months. Call or email shelter manager, Scott, at 781-925-3121 or hsar@verizon.net

■ The Companion Animal Protection Society (CAPS), a small national nonprofit, based in Cohasset, is looking for volunteers. CAPS protects companion animals from cruelty in pet shops and puppy/kitten mills. Contact: caps@caps-web.org or call 339-309-0272.

■ There are myriad opportunities to volunteer on government committees ranging from affordable housing to recycling. Call the Town Manager's Office at 781-383-4105 for more information or visit: cohasset-ma.org.

COMMENTARY

Schools are a priority for all of us

By Caroline Norgeot

Even if you don't have kids in the schools, you are very financially tied to the schools. The housing prices in Cohasset are hugely dependent on the schools.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Town Meeting! The childcare/activity/work/dinner/bedtime shuffle is harder than ever! And thank you to the moderator for reminding those of us who stayed to the end to not judge and criticize the people who needed to leave earlier due to other commitments. (Don't forget that the Rec Department sponsored childcare had an end time so those parents had to collect the kids and high school sitters needed to get home!)

The one thing that struck me as incredibly unfortunate is how adversarial a number of people were regarding the Town versus School. It sounded as though the two entities are completely separate. However the Town IS the School and the Schools ARE the Town. It is impossible to disentangle them. Having a strong public education system is a founding principle of our nation and is the foundation of what has built the United States of America into such a great and strong country.

The unfortunate reality is that public schools cost money. There were a lot of people at Town Meeting because the cracks are starting to show; word had gotten out that even MORE cuts were coming if we didn't come together and act. Parents of school and pre-school kids spoke with passion, emotion, experience and logic.

Class sizes are growing and enrollments are growing especially at the younger grades. (I don't understand the funny math that some have used to try to argue that enrollments are not increasing. Even just basic common sense dictates that three HUGE housing projects would add a significant number of students.) Aides are being cut and fewer enrichment, elective and AP classes are available at the Middle/High School level. Middle school sports were dropped completely several years ago and fees for everything keep increasing. (Fee = tax, by the way.)

Even if you don't have kids in the schools, you are VERY financially tied to the schools. The housing prices in Cohasset are HUGELY dependent on the schools. When we sold our house last year, we had several people tell us that they loved the house but they were holding out for either Hingham or Duxbury schools. The word is getting out that it is cut, cut, cut in the Cohasset schools.

We NEED to retain good teachers, we NEED top administrators, we NEED to support ALL our students, we NEED parents to stay involved. EVERYONE in Cohasset needs strong schools.

—Caroline Norgeot lives at 10 Sankey Road.

LIFE AT CHS

AP tests have officially begun

BECCA FREDEY

As the first week of May comes to an end, seniors are all more aware the end of the school year is fast approaching. May 1st has been a daunting deadline for seniors; drawing closer and closer — now, it's finally past and attendance decisions have been made and tuition deposits have been put down. However, the stress of the college process is now off the shoulders of our seniors and onto the juniors as they prepare for their own college search next year. I would say the Common Application is a breeze to fill out, but no one can deny that college applications are incredibly daunting. However, the juniors, like the seniors before them, will survive their own processes and by this time next year feel the same sense of relief, able to relax and enjoy the last weeks of school.

AP Tests officially began this week, so class attendance was rather scarce. Advanced placement classes at Cohasset High require enrolled students to take the standardized test at the conclusion of the year, and while that may mean that the school year is almost over, it doesn't make the actual test-taking much less stressful. For students not participating in the AP tests, the dates of finals are still impending for numerous other classes, seeming to be one last hurdle to jump before we're out for the summer.

Despite all of the rainy days we've been experiencing this week, the weather has done little to deter the sports schedule as most practices and games have continued as planned. Baseball continues with their season, still struggling to get their footing, however everyone's optimistic that as the spring continues so will the success of the team. Girls' golf also has a new season record of seven wins to one loss as of Monday afternoon with their wins against Saugus and Braintree high schools. Lacrosse has seen some victory as well in the past week on both the boys' and girls' teams. This past Tuesday saw a large turnout of support at the CHS Lacrosse Games as the spectators and parents donated over $1,000 to the Will Golden Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The senior countdown to the end of high school has been ongoing. The students of Ms. Berkowitz's drawing class have pasted up a timeline counting down — the end of this week saw that there were only 15 days left of school for our seniors! Prom is also fast-approaching, and as couples put final touches on their plans about where to take pictures and whose car to drive in, many are simply excited to experience the event that has become somewhat of a rite of passage for the students of CHS. The seniors are sure to enjoy the last weeks leading up to graduation and I'm sure that the juniors can't wait to have extra parking spaces and the senior café all to themselves.

—Becca Fredey is a senior at CHS and weekly columnist for the Mariner. She started her AP tests this week and feels as though her brain might just fail to function. She'll keep you updated on this very critical situation.

LIBRARY CORNER

Book Group reading 'Remarkable Creatures'

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

MOVIE MATINEE AT THE LIBRARY: Enjoy a free, daytime movie at the library at 11 a.m. May 6. Light refreshments donated by Shaw's of Cohasset. Free admission. Call the library for movie details.

OPEN BOOK HOUR AUTHOR SERIES: John Roman will give a talk about his book "The Art of Illustrated Maps" at 2 p.m. May 14. Refreshments and a book signing will follow the talk.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP: Join the group for coffee and discussion of the book "Remarkable Creatures" by Tracy Chevalier at 10 a.m. May 25.

eSEQUELS: Cohasset library cardholders now have access to eSequels an online resource to find the next book in a series. Search by character, location, subject, author or title to find lists of novels in their correct reading sequence. Visit cohassetlibrary.org and click on the eSequels logo to get started.

LIBRARY ON THE GO: Download e-books with Overdrive, stream movies from Hoopla, learn a foreign language using Pronunciator, read e-magazines from Zinio, and learn a new skill using Lynda.com all on a mobile device. It's free. A library card is needed. Learn more by stopping by the reference desk.

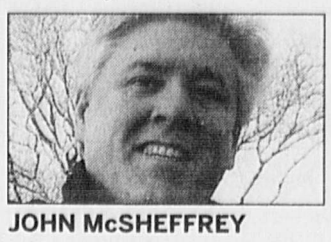
MUSEUM PASSES: Cohasset library cardholders now have access to two new passes. Explore the many properties at the Mass Audubon Wildlife Sanctuaries, Nature Centers, and Museums or gather the gang and have fun at The Hall at Patriot Place. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset has generously donated the pass to the Audubon Sanctuaries. The Friends of the Library is sponsoring the pass to The Hall at Patriot Place. Details of both passes are on our website. Reservations may be made online or by calling the circulation desk.

MOVIES, MUSIC, AND MORE: Download up to 20 titles of movies, e-books, music, and comics every month from Hoopla, free with a Cohasset library card. Music from the play "Hamilton," the movie "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," David Bowie, Glenn Frey and so much more streams to a computer or mobile device. Explore Hoopla's site at hoopladigital.com/home. Contact the reference librarian for more information.

HOMEBOUND DELIVERY SERVICE: The library is on the road every Tuesday afternoon delivering materials to Cohasset residents of all ages. Call the library at 781-383-1348, and ask for Kristin or Gayle, or send an email to library@cohassetlibrary.org to get started.

VIEW FROM THE FRONT PORCH

Let's talk elections, shall we?



JOHN McSHEFFREY

It is election time again here in our cozy little hamlet-by-the-sea, and this time we get a double shot of going to the polls. The Massachusetts State Senate race is on May 10th and then just four days later we get to do it all over again with the race for two seats for the Cohasset Board of Selectmen.

I am no expert on policy procedural mumbo jumbo; to be honest, all that stuff frustrates me, which is one of the reasons why I'd make a lousy Selectman. I do however think that I have a bit of common sense, and common sense says that having two important elections four days apart is kind of foolish. I'm sure that there's some sort of wicked important bylaw that won't allow the elections to be combined; something that would likely have increased turnout and decreased costs. That said, I'll be there on both days to cast my vote. Here are a few thoughts about the races.

The Massachusetts State Senate Race to fill former Senator Robert Hedlund's seat is between Hull Democrat Joan Meschino and Weymouth Republican Patrick O'Connor. Both won their respective primaries by significant margins. At first I thought that I would simply cast my vote for the candidate vowing to continue Hedlund's push for 'Roadrunner' to become the state's official rock song, but then I thought perhaps both candidates may support this, so I needed to look a bit further.

Everything I have seen and read about Joan Meschino has impressed me, especially her advocacy background and the twelve points she's running on. While my core values align heavily with the incredibly wise left leaning segment of society, I am also a strong believer in the need for balanced and fair discussion. Checks and balance is a cornerstone of our government, and it's why I think I will be casting my vote for the candidate that I have less in common with.

As presently constituted, the Massachusetts State Senate leans roughly six to one in favor of the Democrats, with former Senator Hedlund having been one of only five or so Republicans. Good government requires intelligent and respectful discourse in order to properly represent the views of all citizens. That discourse isn't possible if the Senate is made up of a single party. Patrick O'Connor appears to be a moderate Republican and while this is not an endorsement, I am willing to give him a shot in the name of sensible dialogue. I also reserve the right to change my mind in two years.

As for the Cohasset Selectmen's race, Cohasset is quite lucky this year to have three good candidates to choose from and the election cycle seems to be lacking the insane drama of the past years.

A few months ago I stated, "Cohasset has some brilliantly intelligent mothers with children in school, and the town would greatly benefit if some stepped forward to run for Selectmen." While I'm pretty sure Nathan Redmann isn't a mom, his candidacy seems to be motivated by having children in the Cohasset schools. Redmann is a relative newbie to the scene, but I have been impressed with his answers to the questions put forth to the Mariner, especially the one pertaining to economic development.

I think Jack Keniley has had extremely strong answers as well, and his hands-on experience with the budget is quite relevant. Jack's passionate and active support for the candidacies of the others on the Board is truly unparalleled. Over past few elections, if you've seen someone standing on the corner of Rt. 3A & 228 holding a sign and waving, odds are it was probably Jack. Many appreciate his backing of Police Chief William Quigley and I've learned he has great taste in music.

'The Porch' is on record for saying that while I have not always on the same page with Board Chair Steve Gaumer, there's no denying the value of his professionalism. As I wrote back in October, "Steve has been a steady voice of reason, handling his role with class." His deft management of the process of appointing Police Chief Quigley was impressive, and he deserves strong consideration for another term.

So how is the race going to turn out? Well, there are a lot of factors to think about. Will the recent activity regarding the teachers and the school budget move the 'Silent Majority'? Are any voters motivated by strong feelings regarding the processes for the Police Chief or the Senior Center? If so are those feelings positive or negative? Will being new to the process, help or hurt Redmann? Conversely, will their high level of involvement be an advantage or disadvantage Gaumer or Keniley? Will any of the other perceived constituent groups simply stay home? Will the infamous 'bullet ballot' play a role? Will civility rule the day, or boundaries be trampled? Is the push for change over the past few elections still strong or has it been satisfied?

We'll have all the answers next Saturday night, but in the opinion of this award winning and highly paid columnist, this election going to come down to turnout; low numbers should be an advantage to the incumbent and perhaps Keniley, and high numbers could favor the new kid on the block.

Truthfully, I have yet to make up my mind. This may very well be an election that I don't know who I am going to vote for until I am standing in the booth with a pen in my hand. That's not a bad thing.

Finally, a quick word about Monday's extremely well attended town meeting. An attempted 11th hour amendment that would have reduced the school budget by $193,000 was soundly defeated after a series of well stated comments by both sides. As I sat there and listened to people talk about moving monies, budget impacts and possible personnel impacts; I couldn't help but think that everyone was overlooking the most important point. The $193,000 represents a child.

Some young boy or girl in our community faces battles each and every day that very few of us can or want to comprehend. Who this child is, is irrelevant. What's not irrelevant is, there's a family here in town that I believe would gladly forgo the need for the additional assistance, if only to see their baby be just another face in the crowd. Yes, Monday's vote was a show of support for our schools, but it was so much more than that. Monday's vote was a resounding show of love for a child who deserves it. Well done.

As always, thanks for reading. I am holding out hope that one of the winning candidates will support a 'Shop & Dine Cohasset' event.

—John McSheffrey has been part of the Cohasset community since 2007 and can be reached at jjmcs@aol.com

LIBRARY KIDS

Story time with Mrs. Moody

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit our website at: cohassetlibrary.org.

Programs

REC. DEPT.: 10:30 a.m. May 9, 16 and 23

LEGO CLUB: 4-5 p.m. Mondays, May 9 and 23

STORYTIME WITH MRS. MOODY: 10:30 a.m. May 10

PUPPET STORY TIME WITH LEIGH AND FRIENDS: 10:30 a.m. May 17

PARTNER READING WITH SOPHIE (THERAPY DOG): 4-5 p.m. May 17

DROP IN CRAFTS: Between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Thursdays

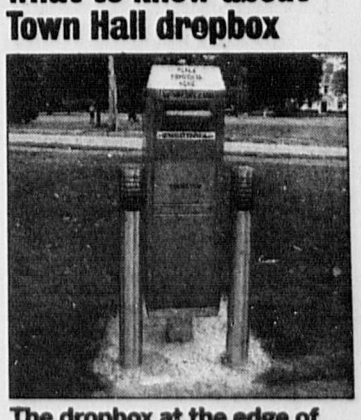
Special Events

EARLY RELEASE DAY STEM PROGRAM: 2 p.m. May 11. Ages 10 and older, register online. "Making things in 3-D: Design to Print" with Kevin Osborne. Log on to cohassetlibrary.org to register. Funded by a grant from the South Shore Music Circus.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN: Accept the challenge. Registration forms and reading logs available in the Children's Room. For more information: 1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/1000-books-before-kindergarten-program.

DON'T MISS THIS

What to know about Town Hall dropbox



The dropbox at the edge of the driveway at Town Hall.
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1. The Dropbox provides free 24/7 drop off for Town Hall payments and correspondence as a convenience for residents
2. It does NOT provide proof of delivery, particularly for Assessing applications.
3. If you need to meet a deadline, go to the appropriate department and get a date/time stamp as proof of delivery.
4. On days Town Hall is open, last pickup is 3 p.m., Friday 12 p.m. Items are sorted and delivered to Town Hall departments on the same day.

VOTE IS TUESDAY

Special Election information: what you need before you vote

By Amanda C. Thompson
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■ For: State Senator
■ Candidates: Joan Meschino (Hull, Democrat) and Patrick O'Connor (Weymouth, Republican)
■ Date: Tuesday, May 10
■ Time: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
■ Location: Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.
■ Projected turnout: 10 percent
■ Registered voters: 5,884 (1,235 Democrats, 1,236 Republicans, and 3,379 unenrolled)
■ Locals weigh in:

"I wouldn't be surprised if it's a fairly light turnout," said **John Chapman**, Democratic Town Committee Chairman. "But I do detect a lot of enthusiasm and energy, so I may be pleasantly surprised."

"This is one of two representatives in Boston for our town and region, so it's critical that people come out and elect somebody who's going to be a strong, vigorous advocate for this area," said Chapman.

"We expect a typical special election light turnout," said **Jack Creighton**, Republican Town Committee Chairman. "Weymouth will be higher as Pat O'Connor has won recent elections overwhelmingly."

"In Cohasset," Creighton projected, "it is expected that the strong Baker vote from the governorship race will provide O'Connor with a tailwind. In special elections, turnout is key and the strong O'Connor organization should come into play."

ELECTION

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The timing of the senate primary and special election, sandwiched between the March 1 presidential primary and annual town elections in many of the district towns, has been confusing for voters and even the candidates, who have been campaigning for months and will continue to do so into the fall.

"It's been busy and hectic," Meschino said Friday, while filing her nomination papers for certification. "But we plan to keep the momentum going straight through the fall."

The certified signatures are due to the Secretary of State's office by Tuesday, May 31, said spokesman Brian McNiff of the elections division.

The field of candidates for the fall will be familiar to voters as all the candidates for the April 12 primary – Hingham Democrat Paul Gannon, Marshfield Republican Stephen Gill, O'Connor and Meschino, had pulled papers intending to run in the Sept. 8 primary. They will be joined by Brian Cook, a Duxbury Democrat, who dropped out of the primary race to take more time to campaign for the senate seat in the fall. Democrat Gene Castignetti has also taken out papers to run, McNiff said.

But O'Connor and Meschino aren't looking past May 10 as they continue to reach out to voters and try to get out the vote.

"We have the pedal to the metal," said O'Connor. "We have volunteers across the district reaching a lot of people and continuing to get our message out."

"We're staying focused on May 10 and working hard for a win," said Meschino, who despite the hectic pace, is enjoying the non-stop campaigning. "We're knocking on as many doors as humanly possible and phone banking," she said. "It's exciting and fun."

O'Connor said he feels the same way about the senate race.

"It's been really fun and I'm honored to be able to run and talk to so many great people," he said. "I thank voters for opening their doors to me."

Both candidates are hoping for better voter participation in next week's special senate election.

Turn out for last month's primary was abysmally low across the district, which includes Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth. Only 5 percent of registered voters cast ballots in Duxbury, Marshfield and Scituate, 7 percent turned out in Norwell and 10 percent in Weymouth. Hingham and Hull had the highest turnout at 13 and 15 percent respectively.

"Special elections traditionally get a low turnout," Meschino said. But the aligning of annual town elections in three of the eight towns - Norwell, Marshfield and Hull – should improve the numbers May 10, she added.

So too, should the opportunity to choose new leadership in the state senate, O'Connor said.

"This is something that hasn't happened in more than two decades," said O'Connor, who was legislative director for former Sen. Robert Hedlund. Hedlund held the seat for 22 years before being elected Weymouth's mayor last November.

"It's about time," said Meschino, who hopes to be the one to bring a fresh perspective to the role.

This is an important district that's gone without representation in the senate for five months and that's been a big void, she said.

It's also an important time in the Senate, which will be in the midst of debating the state budget when the new senator is sworn in.

"We're going in during budget season when the most important votes a senator will make in a calendar year are made," said O'Connor, who maintains his experience on Beacon Hill has readied him for the job.

"I know what to do on day one to get real results for the district," he said.

While they would be getting to the table late, and much of the budget is set, both Meschino and O'Connor said they plan to get right to work and participate in the process by filing amendments to help increase local aid to the district.

"We need an opportunity to weigh in," Meschino said.

Both said they have been working with the district's state representatives and municipal leaders to learn their priorities.

"I believe there is flexibility in drafting and adding amendments to do as much as possible late in this process," O'Connor said.

But that will depend on how quickly after the May 10 election the new senator is actually sworn in by Gov. Charlie Baker.

According to Pete Wilson, press secretary to Senate President Stanley Rosenberg, the date has not yet been set. Wilson said the senate will begin debate on the budget the week of May 23. Amendments will need to be filed by May 19, giving the new senator a small window of time to affect any changes, he said. The senate is expected to wrap up the budget and send it to the governor by July 1.

Still, there are other matters the new senator from the Plymouth and Norfolk district will work on including a pending transgender bill, ride sharing legislation and an omnibus energy bill, Wilson said.

July 31 will mark the end of formal sessions until January 2017, giving the new senator roughly two months to take care of business and get back on the campaign trail.

Conventional wisdom says the incumbent will have an advantage heading into the Sept. 8 primary, despite the brevity of this incumbency.

"Our hope is that we'll be up on Beacon Hill working for the district and working on getting reelected," O'Connor said. "I hope to be looking forward to getting a full term and be bill filing at the start of next year's session."

"It's been a pretty dynamic campaign," Meschino said. "From the beginning we've felt the energy and momentum continue to grow."

Meschino is looking to roll into the fall with that momentum.

"We've already discussed it. They'll get a day off and then we'll be right back into it," she said.

"We're taking nothing for granted and leaving nothing on the table."

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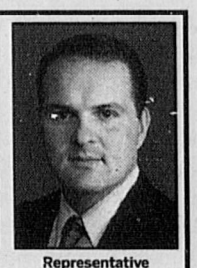

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Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote (President rarely votes) * Not every item is voted on by both House and Senate

APPROVE $39.5 BILLION FISCAL 2016 STATE BUDGET (H 4200)

House 156-0, approved and sent to the Senate a $39.5 billion fiscal 2017 budget.

Supporters said the budget is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that makes vital investments in the state while continuing fiscal responsibility and not raising taxes.

Some critics said too much of the work on the budget was done behind the scenes. Here's how it worked with the cooperation of Democrats and Republicans: Individual representatives filed dozens of proposed amendments to the budget on similar subject matter, such as the amount of state aid to cities and towns, social services and public safety. The representatives were then invited to "subject meetings" at which they pitched their proposed amendments to House leaders who then drafted "consolidated amendments" that included some of the individual representatives' amendments while excluding others. Any legislator has the right to ask that his or her individual amendment be brought to the floor for a separate vote if the amendment is not placed in the consolidated package. The consolidated amendments were all approved unanimously. (A "Yes" vote is for the budget.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	Yes
Rep. Garrett Bradley	Yes
Rep. Thomas Calter	Yes
Rep. James Cantwell	Yes
Rep. Mark Cusack	Yes
Rep. Josh Cutler	Yes
Rep. David DeCoste	Yes
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	Yes
Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes
Rep. Michelle DuBois	Yes
Rep. William Galvin	Yes
Rep. Susan Gifford	Yes
Rep. Patricia Haddad	Yes
Rep. Randy Hunt	Yes
Rep. Louis Kafka	Yes
Rep. Ronald Mariano	Yes
Rep. Christopher Markey	Yes
Rep. Matthew Muratore	Yes
Rep. James Murphy	Yes
Rep. William Straus	Yes
Rep. Walter Timilty	Yes

STUDY GAS TAX EXEMPTION FOR CITIES AND TOWNS (H 4200)

House 120-38, voting mostly along party lines, approved a Democratic leadership-sponsored amendment requiring the state to conduct a study of a proposal exempting cities' and towns' vehicles fuel purchases from the 21 cents-per-gallon gas tax. The study amendment would replace a proposal to simply exempt the fuel purchases. All Democrats except four supported the study while every GOP member opposed it and instead favored the exemption itself.

Supporters of the study said the proposal is attractive but noted that the loss of revenue would impact the ability to send money back to cities and towns and could force cuts elsewhere to the budget. They also noted that the budget already provides a record increase in local aid.

Opponents of the study said the exemption would save cities and towns between $10 million and $15 million that they could use to make up for local aid cuts. They also noted that none of these alleged studies are actually done and are simply tactics to kill the proposal without having a direct vote.

(The roll call vote is on the amendment to study the tax exemption. A "Yes" vote is for studying the exemption. A "No" vote is against the study and favors the exemption.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	Yes
Rep. Garrett Bradley	Yes
Rep. Thomas Calter	Yes
Rep. James Cantwell	Yes
Rep. Mark Cusack	Yes
Rep. Josh Cutler	Yes
Rep. David DeCoste	No
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	No
Rep. Geoff Diehl	No
Rep. Michelle DuBois	Yes
Rep. William Galvin	Yes
Rep. Susan Gifford	No
Rep. Patricia Haddad	Yes
Rep. Randy Hunt	No
Rep. Louis Kafka	Yes
Rep. Ronald Mariano	Yes
Rep. Christopher Markey	Yes
Rep. Matthew Muratore	No
Rep. James Murphy	Yes
Rep. William Straus	Yes
Rep. Walter Timilty	No

STUDY SALES TAX CUT FROM 6.25 PERCENT TO 5 PERCENT (H 4200)

House 116-42, approved a Democratic leadership-sponsored amendment prohibiting a proposal reducing the sales tax from 6.25 percent to 5 percent from taking effect until the Department of Revenue studies the economic impact of the exemption. The study amendment would replace a proposal to simply lower the tax to 5 percent. All Democrats except eight supported the study while every GOP member opposed it and instead favored the reduction itself.

Supporters of the study said the state cannot afford the estimated $1.25 billion loss of revenue and predicted that this tax cut would result in reductions to local aid, education, health care and human service programs. They also noted that Gov. Baker did not include any similar sales tax cut in his proposed budget.

Opponents of the study said this increased sales tax is hurting consumers and retail operations, especially those on the state's borders. They argued that none of these alleged studies are actually done and are simply tactics to kill the tax reduction proposal without having a direct vote on it.

(The roll call vote is on the amendment to study the tax cut. A "Yes" vote is for studying the tax cut. A "No" vote is against the study and favors the tax cut.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	Yes
Rep. Garrett Bradley	Yes
Rep. Thomas Calter	No
Rep. James Cantwell	Yes
Rep. Mark Cusack	Yes
Rep. Josh Cutler	Yes
Rep. David DeCoste	Yes
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	Yes
Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes
Rep. Michelle DuBois	Yes
Rep. William Galvin	Yes
Rep. Susan Gifford	Yes
Rep. Patricia Haddad	Yes
Rep. Randy Hunt	Yes
Rep. Louis Kafka	Yes
Rep. Ronald Mariano	Yes
Rep. Christopher Markey	Yes
Rep. Matthew Muratore	No
Rep. James Murphy	Yes
Rep. William Straus	Yes
Rep. Walter Timilty	No

USE SURPLUS FOR LOCAL AID TO CITIES AND TOWNS (H 4200)

House 37-121, rejected an amendment that would require one-half of any state tax revenue, above the projected $26.8 billion in expected revenue in fiscal 2015, to be distributed to cities and towns as unrestricted additional local aid. The amendment would cap the amount at $100 million.

Amendment supporters said this would ensure that the Legislature does not squander any budget surplus. They argued that struggling cities and towns deserve this surplus money.

Amendment opponents said it is fiscally irresponsible to guarantee surplus revenue to cities and towns before replenishing the state's Rainy Day Fund. They noted that the existing budget already includes a record increase in local aid and cautioned that the amendment could damage the state's bond rating and increase borrowing costs.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment requiring that up to $100 million go to local aid. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	No
Rep. Garrett Bradley	No
Rep. Thomas Calter	No
Rep. James Cantwell	No
Rep. Mark Cusack	No
Rep. Josh Cutler	No
Rep. David DeCoste	Yes
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	Yes
Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes
Rep. Michelle DuBois	No
Rep. William Galvin	No
Rep. Susan Gifford	Yes
Rep. Patricia Haddad	No
Rep. Randy Hunt	Yes
Rep. Louis Kafka	No
Rep. Ronald Mariano	No
Rep. Christopher Markey	No
Rep. Matthew Muratore	Yes
Rep. James Murphy	No
Rep. William Straus	No
Rep. Walter Timilty	No

PUNISH "SANCTUARY" CITIES AND TOWNS (H 4200)

House 34-124, rejected an amendment that would withhold local aid from any cities or towns that do not enforce federal immigration laws. The withholding would also apply to communities that have established themselves as "sanctuary" cities or towns that offer protection in a variety of ways to illegal immigrants. All Democrats except three supported the study while every GOP member opposed it and instead favored the local aid ban.

Amendment supporters said cities and towns that encourage law-breaking are hurting this nation. They argued the state should do everything it can to dissuade those who seek to come here illegally.

Some opponents said the amendment is a mean-spirited political stunt and questioned why supporters would want to punish students by taking away local aid from their schools. Others said the amendment is unenforceable, just like a municipality declaring itself a sanctuary city is nothing but symbolism.

(A "Yes" vote is for cutting off local aid to sanctuary cities and towns. A "No" vote is against cutting it off.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	No
Rep. Garrett Bradley	No
Rep. Thomas Calter	No
Rep. James Cantwell	No
Rep. Mark Cusack	No
Rep. Josh Cutler	No
Rep. David DeCoste	Yes
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	Yes
Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes
Rep. Michelle DuBois	No
Rep. William Galvin	No
Rep. Susan Gifford	Yes
Rep. Patricia Haddad	No
Rep. Randy Hunt	Yes
Rep. Louis Kafka	No
Rep. Ronald Mariano	No
Rep. Christopher Markey	No
Rep. Matthew Muratore	Yes
Rep. James Murphy	No
Rep. William Straus	No
Rep. Walter Timilty	No

BAN USING LIVE FETUS FOR RESEARCH (H 4200)

House 40-117, rejected an amendment that would prohibit any state money from going to any organization which violates the Massachusetts law that prohibits a live fetus from being used for scientific, laboratory, research or other experimentation. Current law also prohibits the sale, transfer, distribution or give away of any fetus any of those uses.

Amendment supporters said that any organization that violates a state law should not be entitled to any of taxpayers' hard earned money. They cited the controversial case in which undercover videos led to accusations that Planned Parenthood was illegally selling fetal tissue to researchers for profit.

Some amendment opponents said that current state law already prohibits any such funding and noted that the attorney general had already reviewed the issue and found no evidence to support the claim. They argued the amendment is a smokescreen for yet another attack on Planned Parenthood and other important women's health organizations. Others said this proposal should be filed as a separate bill and go through the regular legislative process including a public hearing rather than be attached as a budget amendment.

(A "Yes" vote if for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	No
Rep. Garrett Bradley	No
Rep. Thomas Calter	No
Rep. James Cantwell	No
Rep. Mark Cusack	No
Rep. Josh Cutler	No
Rep. David DeCoste	Yes
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	Yes
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Rep. Ronald Mariano	No
Rep. Christopher Markey	No
Rep. Matthew Muratore	Yes
Rep. James Murphy	No
Rep. William Straus	No
Rep. Walter Timilty	Yes

RAISE TOBACCO PURCHASE AGE FROM 18 TO 21 (S 2234)

Senate 32-2, approved and sent to the House a bill that would raise the state's tobacco purchasing age from 18 to 21 effective July 1, 2017. Other provisions ban pharmacies and health care institutions from selling any tobacco products; prohibit sales of e-cigarettes to minors; and ban the use of electronic cigarettes in all places where smoking is currently banned. Hawaii is the only state that has raised the age to 21.

Supporters said the bill will save lives and reduce health care costs. They argued that many 18-year-olds are in high school and are a major source of providing tobacco products to younger high schoolers and middle schoolers.

Opponents said this is another example of state government overstepping its bounds and trying to regulate behavior. They argued if you're 18 you can join the military, vote and serve on a jury and should not be banned from purchasing a legal product. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against the bill.)

Sen. Michael Brady	Yes
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	Present
Sen. Brian Joyce	Yes
Sen. John Keenan	Yes
Sen. Mark Montigny	Yes
Sen. Marc Pacheco	Yes
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	Yes

DELAY DRUG STORE BAN (S 2234)

Senate 9-25, rejected an amendment that would delay from January 2017 to January 2018 the deadline by which pharmacies and health care institutions are banned from selling any tobacco products.

Amendment supporters said the delay is fair and will give pharmacies more time to sell the tobacco products they already have in stock.

Amendment opponents said the earlier 2017 deadline is reasonable and still allows pharmacies to unload their current stock.

(A "Yes" vote is for the delay to January 2018. A No" vote is against the delay.)

Sen. Michael Brady	No
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	Yes
Sen. Brian Joyce	No
Sen. John Keenan	No
Sen. Mark Montigny	No
Sen. Marc Pacheco	No
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	No

EXEMPT MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM HIKE TO 21 (S 2234)

Senate 14-19, rejected an amendment that would exempt members of the military from the hike in age to 21 to buy tobacco products.

Amendment supporters said these heroes who protect our nation should be allowed to smoke and not be treated like children.

Amendment opponents said the exemption weakens the bill and noted the military itself is currently working to cut down on tobacco use by our troops.

(A "Yes" vote is for exempting military personnel. A "No" vote is against the exemption.)

Sen. Michael Brady	Yes
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	Present
Sen. Brian Joyce	No
Sen. John Keenan	No
Sen. Mark Montigny	No
Sen. Marc Pacheco	No
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	Yes

TOWN MEETING

Meals, room taxes pass muster

By Amanda C. Thompson
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The fourth time was the charm for the local option meals tax.

The meals and room occupancy excise taxes met surprisingly little resistance at this year's Annual Town Meeting, considering that the meals tax had been voted down at three previous Town Meetings.

The meals tax has been adopted by almost all of Cohasset's neighbors, while the room tax was previously in place until the recession hit.

A lone voice spoke out against the meals tax. Anil Popat, a manager at the Red Lion Inn and soon-to-be manager of Atlantica, said the new tax would hurt his business.

"Our wedding clients are fighting to reduce every penny possible," said Popat. "There are already heavy food charges for weddings. The meals tax is not digestible and hard to swallow for us – it singles out the hospitality business."

Voters, however, supported both taxes. The meals tax adds a 0.75 percent charge to every restaurant bill – paid by the customer, not the business – and the room tax adds a 4 percent charge to occupancy bills at lodging establishments.

New revenue normally goes into the general fund, but in a later vote, residents supported a citizens' petition that proposed allocating the new funds into the OPEB trust fund, which covers health care and other post-employment benefits for retired teachers and Town employees.

The citizens' petition vote was so close that the moderator had to resort to a count of hands. The motion passed in a vote of 68 to 55.

Although this was a citizens' petition, Advisory Committee Chairman Peter Pescatore explained that it had had its genesis with the Advisory Committee. The board saw that the budget covered all the town's needs before adding the meal and room taxes and thought it prudent to put that "windfall" money toward an important purpose.

Originally, the petition suggested a division of the funds between OPEB, road repairs, and the general stabilization fund, but the Advisory Committee deemed it best to focus on just the OPEB trust fund.

The OPEB account is chronically underfunded with a liability of $37 million. That liability grows by about a million dollars every year. Compared to that, the $225,000 that will go into the account because of the new tax may seem like pittance, but it's a start.

"If we don't put more money into this, it's going to end up eating our whole budget," offered Paul Carlson, a resident of Wheelwright Farm. "We really should be putting about a million dollars a year. This is a small down payment on a problem that's only gonna get bigger."

"We can't just keep kicking this can down the road," agreed Leonora Jenkins of Jerusalem Road. "The OPEB obligation has been building through the years because of what the Town and school officials have been promising employees."

Selectman Paul Schubert, however, had some qualms. "In February," he said, "we discussed this at the fiscal forum, and there was no consensus among the committee or members of the public at that time." If the town that elected him hadn't made up its mind yet, Schubert didn't want to make it up for them.

Red Lion Inn managing partner Anil Popat stands to voice his concerns over the new taxes imposed on his business by Articles 3 & 4. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Others simply worried that the proposal hadn't been vetted enough. But the idea of putting new tax revenue toward OPEB had, in fact, crossed the selectmen's desk a few times already this season. It had even been included as an article in early drafts of the warrant, but was cut due to lack of details and hard numbers.

The article before voters on May 2nd had both details and numbers, satisfying most of the board's concerns – and, it seems, most of the townspeople's, too.

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TOWN MEETING

Voters have lengthy debate on school loan

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Annual Town Meeting had a lot to say about the operating budget this year.

That's because, after selectmen voted in favor of loaning the schools $192,000 to kick-start their new special education stabilization fund, members of the Advisory Committee tried to reverse that by taking $192,000 out of the total school budget, believing that the schools should find those funds somewhere in their own budget rather than taking from the Town.

The special education stabilization fund had been established just minutes earlier by a positive vote on Article 5 in order to offset the most volatile part of the school budget. Year-over-year increase in special education spending can range from less than $50,000 to more than $400,000, and there's no way to predict it.

After an hour's deliberation, Advisory Committee Chairman Peter Pescatore's amendment was voted down and the original operating budget was approved, including the $192,000 loan to the schools.

The $192,000 would come from the general stabilization fund and was available to be used, according to the Town Manager – that's why there wasn't an override on the table. Selectmen Chairman Steve Gaumer anticipated replacing the loan by the end of the fiscal year.

"The long-range issues that are arising are not unknown to us," said Gaumer, "but the long-term plan brings us back on track."

Opponents, however, didn't think it wise to bail the schools out. Pescatore proposed the amendment that would take $192,000 out of the school budget to compensate for the loan.

"The stabilization loan is a one-time fix, but not a one-time problem," said Advisory Vice Chairwoman Nan Roth. "Next year the budget will exceed what's available by even more." Roth and others predicted that allowing the Town to throw this lifeline to the schools could lead to an override in the future.

Roth added that this wasn't just about special education; the school budget contained other "structural inefficiencies."

"It's a slippery slope that we're endeavoring to go down here," said Pescatore. "If you don't want to stay within the revenue, then there's no other place to go than raising real estate taxes." Pescatore suggested that there were parts of the school budget that could be trimmed further.

Concerned with the school budget are parents, L-R, Lisa Fulton, Betsy Crumley, and Dawn Greene. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO CHRIS BERNSTEIN

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Peter Pescatore, Advisory Committee

But School Committee Chairwoman Jeanne Astino said there was no more fat to trim; the committee had already eliminated $199,000 in requests that were considered "critical needs" by school leadership.

Advisory committee member Helene Lieb, who previously served six years on the school committee, backed Astino up. "I looked at every line item," said Lieb. "There is no fat in that budget."

Lieb pointed out that the classes Pescatore had proposed cutting due to low enrollment may not be dispensable – sometimes those small classes are college prep courses that the school is required to offer, even if only two students are enrolled.

Lieb said the loan was just to help the schools "get over the hump."

Resident Andrew Stephens (Elm Court) saw nothing wrong with treating the $192,000 loan as a one-time cost. "The reason we voted on Article 5 was to get ahead of situations like this," Stephens said. "If we cut 192,000 at this stage of the game, that's people. That's the way you eviscerate a district."

Pescatore noted other places where the schools would already be saving money in fiscal '17. Energy costs are lower thanks to changes made this year to meet Green Communities standards. Three high-salaried people are leaving the district – a business manager, a superintendent, and a principal.

Surely, said Pescatore, the new hires will have lower salaries, and surely those savings must total more than $192,000 and could be put into the new special education stabilization fund rather than taking from the town.

Resident Leonora Jenkins reminded voters that teachers were offered "platinum" insurance plans as recently as the last contract, and even now are only required to pay 11 to 39 percent of their health insurance costs as opposed to the more typical 50 percent.

Jenkins also noted that the Town had already taken over school maintenance costs ten years ago, an arrangement not practiced by any other town.

"How much more can we take?" Jenkins asked.

Roth agreed, "We need to be fair to all members of our community – elderly, children, and all those in between."

But, said parents, we also need to be fair to the teachers. Health plans aside, they're not in the profession to make millions, and as Astino pointed out, they're already making sacrifices in the classroom.

"We don't need to make them suffocate more," said one mother. "You compared this to a household budget, but this isn't a choice like 'I can't afford organic tomatoes so I'm just going to buy regular.' These are human beings."

Her words struck a chord. "The money is there," said another parent. "It's like moving money from your savings to your checking to cover a bill you have to pay. We're crying 'financial Armageddon,' but it's only 0.39 percent of the total budget."

In the end, these were the voices that won out. Pescatore's amendment was defeated overwhelmingly, and the original budget was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

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to be used.

Advisory Chairman Peter Pescatore proposed a budget amendment that would take the exact same amount back out of the bottom line of the school budget. "There is plenty of room in the school budget for them to live within the revenues of fiscal '17," Pescatore said.

But he was in the minority. Voters shot down the amendment and approved the original budget, including the $192,000 loan to the schools. See our full article for more details on the budget discussion.

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For more details, see our full article on the taxes and the citizens' petition.

When it came time to discuss Article 18, Community Preservation projects, voters were not worried about the high price tag for improvements to the Milliken Field snack shack. They were, however, off-put by the high price tag for a study and plans to modify the outdoor space at the new Rec center.

"The $48,000 is for plans, not the improvements themselves," said Leonora Jenkins (Jerusalem Road). "If that's for the plan, the work must be four to five hundred thousand."

Her husband, Leland Jenkins, suggested the town hold off on this plan until the Planning Board has completed its Master Plan and Open Space Plan. Otherwise, the town risks spending $48,000 on a plan it will have to throw away. He made a motion to remove that item from the article.

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Elizabeth Frazier, chairwoman of the Rec Commission, said there's no way the plans would be thrown away. "This was a bus turnaround," she said. "Now we're trying to make it safer for kids."

The motion to amend was defeated, and the article passed unanimously in its original form.

Article 20 would empower the Town to acquire temporary and permanent easements to make improvements to Cunningham Bridge. Bridge work has been a divisive topic ever since it cropped up at a recent selectmen's meeting.

Francis Collins (South Main Street) was, however, pleasantly surprised to see the actual plans projected on the wall. "That's not as bad as I thought it was going to be," he said, studying the proposed curve, which the state wants to soften. "That'll still substantially slow traffic."

Ralph Dormitzer (Atlantic Ave.) was still against softening the curve, and not for traffic reasons. "It makes the bridge more obtrusive," he said, adding that MassDOT, which has offered to fund and complete the project, has not been responsive to requests for the design.

Dormitzer did not think that any permanent easements should be taken and made a motion to amend the article so that only temporary easements would be allowed.

Town Manager Chris Senior said that, actually, MassDOT had been very responsive and had even agreed to a second public meeting later in May for members of the public who still had questions or concerns. He added that the town didn't want to take anybody's land; it simply wanted to have access to parts of the bridge for maintenance, and to remove liability from the property owner.

Steve Gaumer, chairman for the Board of Selectmen, guaranteed that his board would work closely with MassDOT to find a solution that worked for everyone – and, hopefully, one that wouldn't require the bridge to be closed for 10 months during construction.

Dormitzer's amendment was voted down, and the original motion passed.

Finally, Article 22 drummed up some discussion as the Planning Board sought to give voting rights to its associate members, who currently only vote on certain topics. When members are absent or have to recuse themselves, it can be difficult to get enough voting members, said the board.

One resident wondered if this was the right solution. If members are absent so often that someone else has to cast a vote for them, should they even be serving on a public board? And if they are given a free "out," what kind of precedent does that set for other boards?

Planning Board Chairman Clark Brewer didn't think it would set a bad precedent. "Most of us who are elected take our jobs very seriously," he said. "I don't anticipate this will happen again."

The motion passed, but there were a few audible "nay" votes from the back of the room.

The rest of the articles – many of them housekeeping items – passed with only brief discussion. A citizens' petition to extend sewer access further along King Street was indefinitely postponed.

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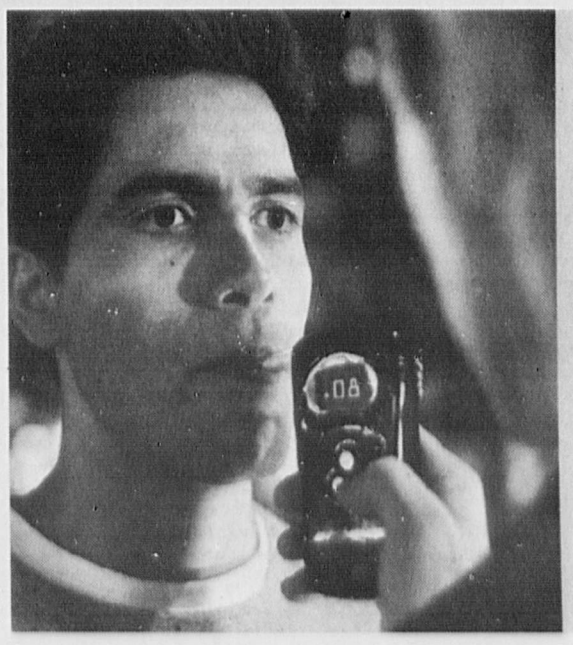

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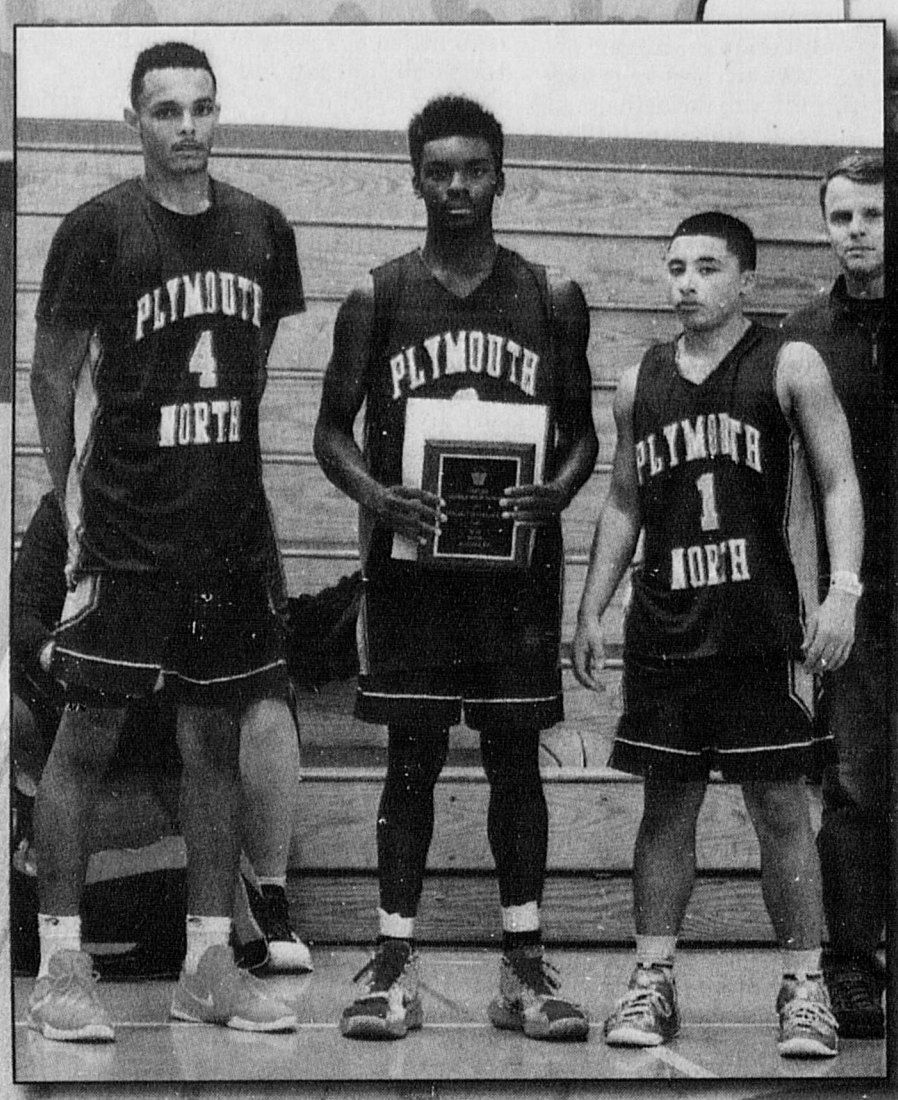

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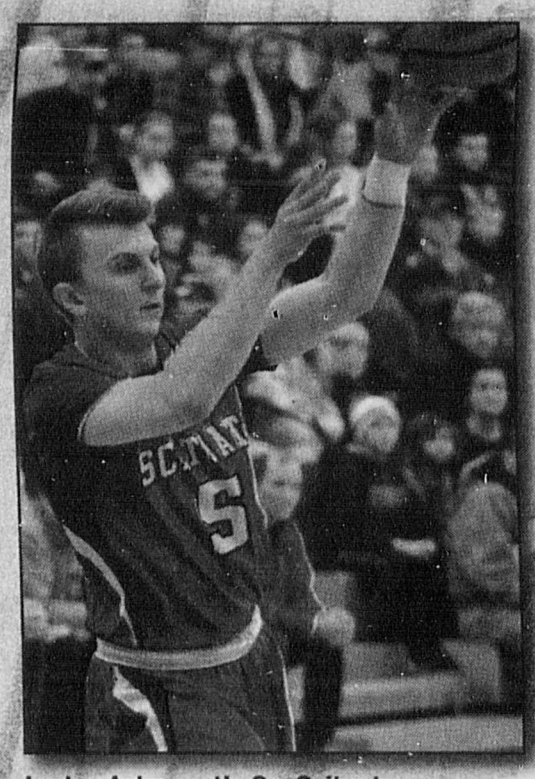

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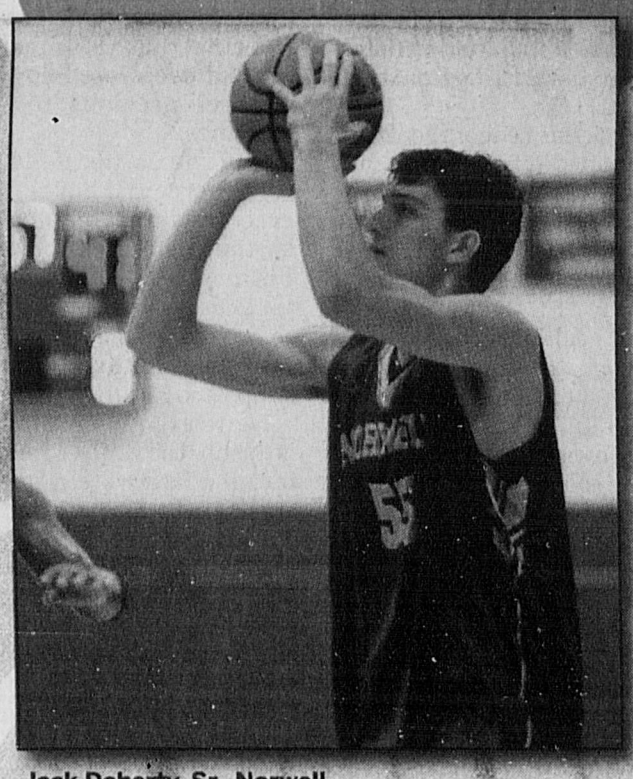

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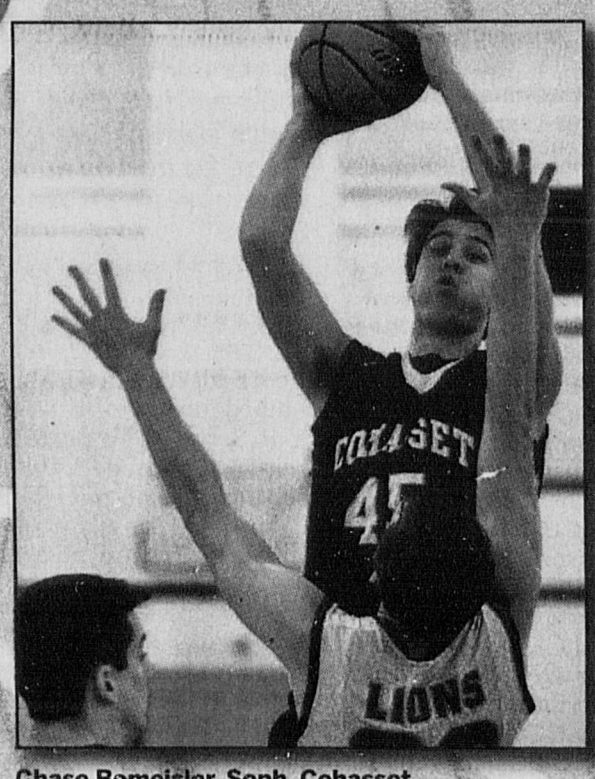

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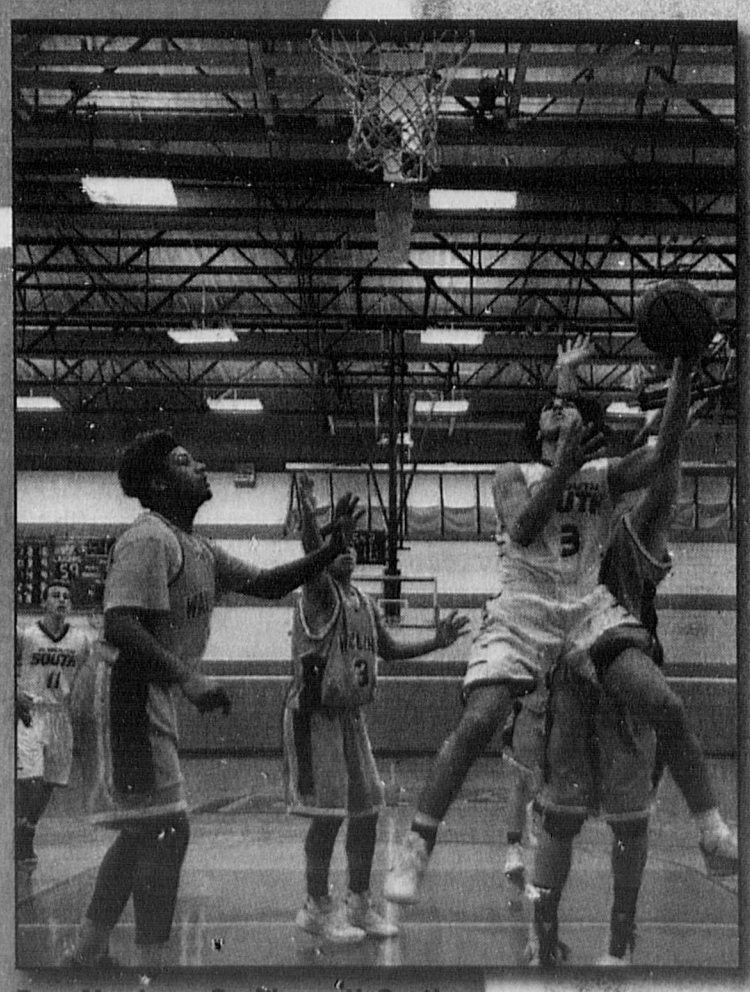

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YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY

Cohasset Field Hockey coaching positions

Cohasset Field Hockey Middle School Club is seeking three coaches for our program to lead a team for the fall season starting September 1 through October 31.
Teams practices twice per week after school and have games both after school and a few Sunday afternoons.
Participation in the annual All Day Jamboree and Pep Rally is required.
Applicants need field hockey experience (former player, previous coaching, etc.) and excellent communication skills along with the ability to build rapport with players.
This is a paid position.
All equipment, scheduling, referees, etc. is provided.

Interested candidates should contact Beth Marsden at 781-383-1811 or bmarsden62@gmail.com.

Registration open
Registration for the fall Field Hockey program-grades 4 through 8 is now open to June 1.
Girls entering fourth and fifth grade in the fall girls can register at https://go.teamsnap.com/divisions/87472/registration/29022/register/new
Girls entering sixth-eighth grade in the fall can register at https://go.teamsnap.com/divisions/87472/registration/28720/register/new

YOUTH FOOTBALL/ CHEERLEADING

Registration

SciCoh Football and Cheerleading registration is now open for the 2016 season.
Players must be 7 years old by Sept. 1, 2016 in order to play.
Players also cannot turn age 15 prior to Nov. 15, 2016. Register at https://reg.sportspilot.com/105547
Football:
Regular Registration March 16- June 15
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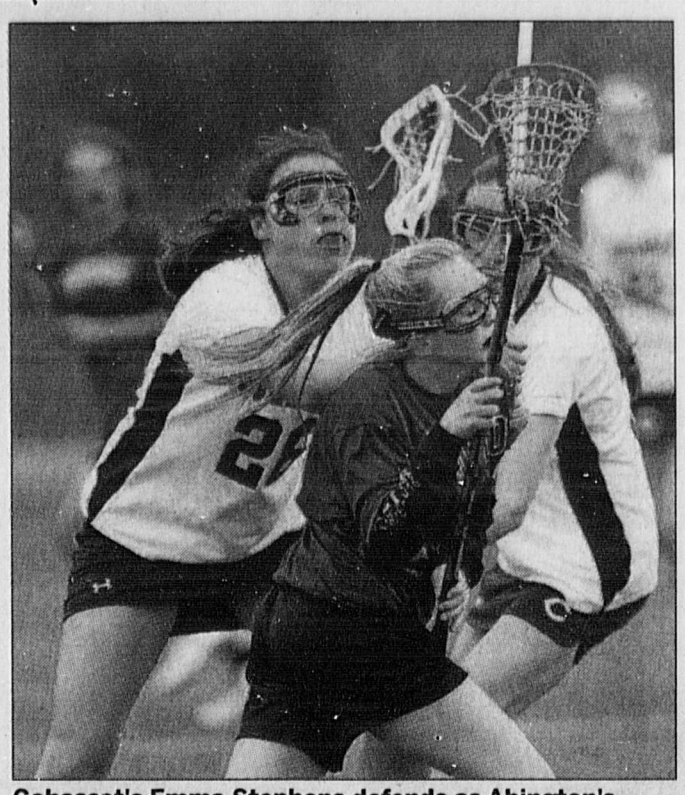
Don't miss out on this summer's soccer clinics for every age group.
If you are an incoming college or current college athlete and want to prepare for the upcoming season then sign up for the Elite Soccer College Prep.
Are you looking to build team chemistry for your club, High School or town team? If so then sign up for the Team Builder Boot Camp (any sport welcome).
Are you a current or incoming High School soccer player looking to improve your game, then sign up for the U Play High School Prep.
Finally are you and younger player between the ages of 6-12 and are looking to develop your skills then sign up for the U Play Soccer Academy.



Cohasset's Emma Stephens defends as Abington's Courtney McCabe looks for an opening, Tuesday, May 3, 2016. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/GARY HIGGINS

GIRLS LACROSSE

Back with a vengeance

The Cohasset Mariner

The Cohasset girls lacrosse team hit a bump in the road April 28 with a tough loss to a Norwell team that is proving to be one of the top teams in the state again, but didn't let it get them down too long.

After the tough loss to Norwell, the girls came back with a vengeance with a huge 22-8 road win over Duxbury on Monday May 2.

The game was close early as both teams traded goals until it was 5-5 with eight minutes to play. The Skippers exploded for eight goals before the half and took a commanding 13-6 lead into the break.

It was more of the same in the second half as Cohasset continued their hot streak outscoring the Dragons 9-2 with Jane Hansen leading the way with seven goals and two assists. Caelin McDonald tallied eight points (5 goals, 3 assists), Corey Golden scored six goals and Elle Hansen finished the day with five points (3 goals, 2 assists) despite being faceguarded and double teamed all day long.

After a shaky start, the defense went into lockdown mode only allowing three goals over the last 33 minutes of the game. Lauren Cunning led the charge with six draw controls and multiple caused turnovers. Kyle Burke was her usual force all over the field and goalie Shea Kearney finished the day with six saves and excellent clears.

The Skippers continued rolling on Tuesday as they beat Abington 19-3.

The game had special meaning as it was a doubleheader as part of the Will Golden Memorial Lacrosse Scholarship Fund games. Corey Golden scored 11 points and most poignantly capped the game with the 19th goal wearing her brother's number 19. The final goal put Corey third place all time on the CHS girls lacrosse scoring list with 203 points.

LACROSSE

GOLDEN AFTERNOON

Skippers lacrosse honors Will Golden with memorial doubleheader

By Jay N. Miller

It was a day where tenacity and going the extra mile were paramount – in other words, a day entirely suited to honoring Will Golden.

The Cohasset High boys lacrosse team outlasted a tough Bridgewater-Raynham squad and overcame two late penalties to post an 8-5 victory that concluded the inaugural Will Golden Memorial Scholarship Fund Games doubleheader.

Cohasset coach James Beaudoin's day started at 4 a.m. with a trip to the hospital with his wife, when their third son arrived somewhat unexpectedly. But he was determined not to miss the game honoring one of his best.

And perhaps best of all, the Skippers' girls team defeated Abington as Corey Golden, who switched her number to her late brother's 19 this spring, had a career day, amassing 11 points and taking over third place on the all-time Cohasset girls scoring list. Just to punctuate it, she netted the 19th goal in the Skippers' 19-3 win.

In a short ceremony between the games, Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford spoke of how much Will Golden – who was a freshman at Skidmore College in upstate New York when he died in an accident in Delaware in March – meant to his school, his

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Cohasset's Will Thomas passes beyond Bridgewater-Raynham's Danny Sullivan as Cohasset beat Bridgewater Raynham in the Will Golden Memorial Fund Game Tuesday, May 3, 2016. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/GARY HIGGINS

BASEBALL

Toughest stretch

Baseball heads into heart of schedule

By William Wassersug
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The Cohasset baseball team is headed into the heat of battle, and they head in playing some solid baseball.

"Skippers baseball begins its toughest two game stretch of the season this week," Cohasset coach Mike Larsen said. "On Monday we played in Carver, coming out with an 8-2 victory. Michael Cohen recorded his second win of the year by throwing six shutout innings against the Crusaders."

The offense was paced by senior second baseman Zack Silva going 3-for-4, Michael Cohen helped himself out at the plate going 3-for-5 and senior captain Alec Norton also went 3-for-5. The team also went 10-for-10 in stolen bases on the day.

SEE STRETCH, B3

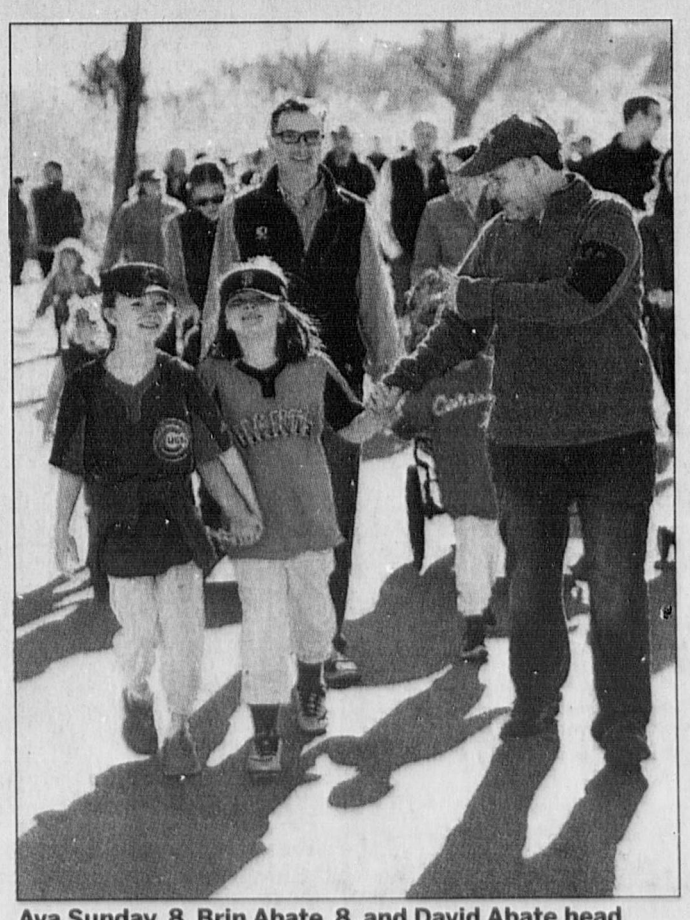
CYBSA

Getting started

CYBSA celebrates Opening Day with parade

Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association started its season in style April 30 with its annual parade and Opening Day Ceremony at the Barnes Complex.

The parade and ceremony were followed by the MLB Pitch, Hit & Run competition, held in Cohasset for the first time. The contest featured 77 youngsters demonstrating their skills.

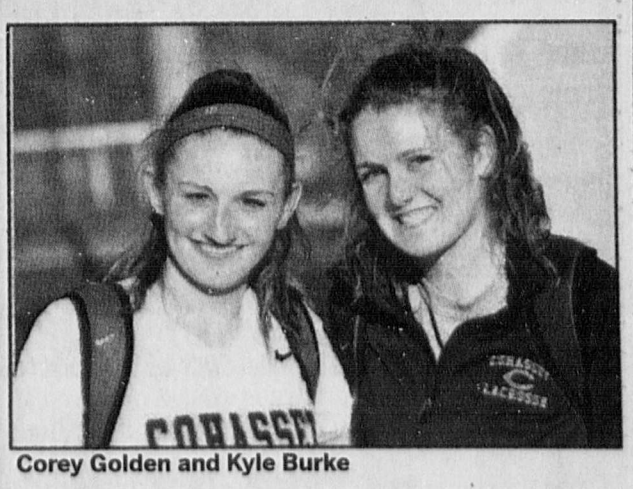


Ava Sunday, 8, Brin Abate, 8, and David Abate head down North Main Street during the parade on Saturday, April 30, 2016. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ ROBIN CHAN.

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

★★ Corey Golden ★★
★★ Kyle Burke ★★

"They're my babies. They're such good leaders. I think leadership-wise, they're the best I've had at Cohasset. They lead by example. They're not loud or boisterous. They just get the job done."
Cohasset coach Kully Reardon



Corey Golden and Kyle Burke

Golden and Burke have been instrumental both on and off the field in leading the Skippers to an impressive 9-1 start, with most of those games completely one-sided Skipper victories. Even the loss was a close 11-8 decision to powerhouse Norwell.

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MLP Pitch, Hit & Run

Results

The CYBSA hosted its inaugural MLB Pitch, Hit & Run Competition after the Opening Day Parade, Saturday April 30. The event was a great success with 77 players taking part in the fun. Congratulations to the 2016 CYBSA Pitch, Hit & Run winners:

7/8 Baseball division Overall winner: James Muldowney
Other individual competition winners: Adam Bushley (pitch), William Chisholm (hit), Brayden DiBona (run)

7/8 Softball division Overall winner: Abby O'Halloran

9/10 Baseball division Overall winner: Wyatt Miller
Other individual competition winners: Ryan Berns (pitch), Carter Carroll (pitch), Charlie Farrag (pitch), Shane Mulcahy (hit), Mason Comeau (run)

9/10 Softball division Overall winner: Shannon MacLeod

11/12 Baseball division Overall winner: Luc Nivaud
Other individual competition winners: William Baker (pitch), Will Molloy (pitch), Danny Talacci (run)

11/12 Softball division Overall winner: Sara Cullinan
Other individual competition winners: Lindley Day (pitch), Camryn Sasso (pitch), Tessa Curatola (run)

13/14 Baseball division Overall winner: John Wipf

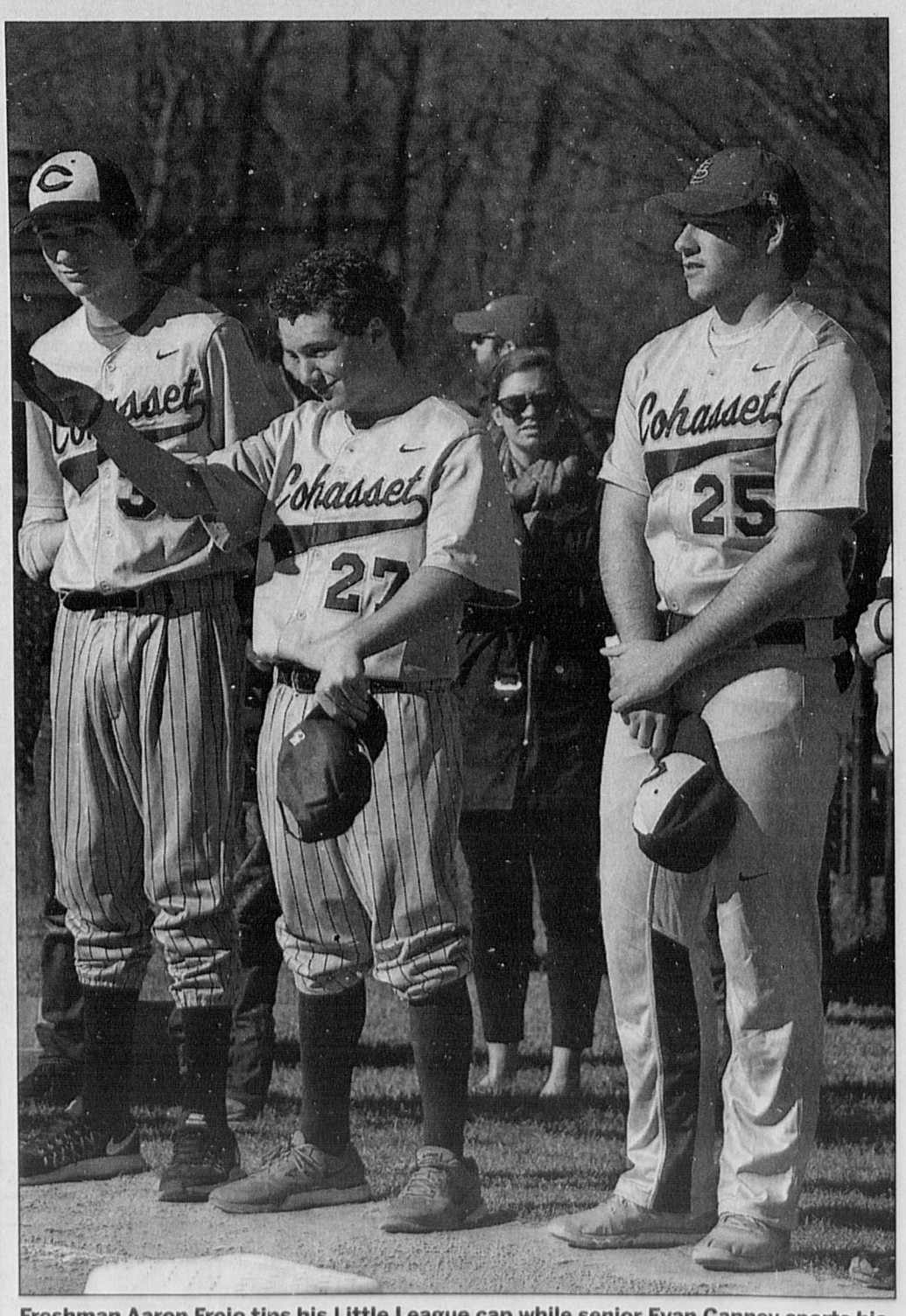
The CYBSA thanks everyone involved, including the many, many volunteers in the community that took the time to make the competition possible. Twenty one of the competitors (listed above) are being awarded the opportunity to move on to sectional level competition June 4 in Kingston, with the hopes of eventually earning the right to play during Major League Baseball's All-Star Weekend.

A horde of people walk down North Main Street during the Little League parade on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

Members of the Pirates play around with the Little League banner after the opening day ceremony at Barnes Baseball Complex on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

Barb Wipf throws out the first pitch for the softball season.

The Los Angeles Dodgers look up to admire their 2015 Major League Championship banner that they were able to hoist at the end of the opening day ceremony at Barnes Baseball Complex on Saturday, April 30, 2016.



Freshman Aaron Froio tips his Little League cap while senior Evan Canney sports his during the opening day ceremony at Barnes Baseball Complex on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

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Cohasset's Ryan Donovan and BR Danny Sullivan try for ball control as Cohasset hosts Bridgewater Raynham in the Will Golden Memorial Fund Game Tuesday, May 3, 2016. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/GARY HIGGINS

GOLDEN

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team, and his community. The Boosters Club was collecting donations from fans – no admission was charged for the games – and commemorative T-shirts with that emblematic #19 were on sale to benefit the Will Golden Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Golden was member of the Skidmore hockey team and played for Cohasset's state championship lacrosse team in 2014 as a midfielder and faceoff specialist.

Golden's parents were in attendance.

"It's good therapy, watching both games," said Shaun Golden, Will's dad. "Ron Ford said some really nice things about Will, and his effect on the younger kids, and our neighbor spoke of how he had helped him with the seventh-grade team, which was also very nice. It was one difficult moment, just when they had the moment of silence, but this is a very nice thing everybody has done."Corey changed her number – she had been Number 27 – to Will's 19 this year, so it was pretty special that she ended up scoring the 19th goal today."

"Will always said the best day of his life was when he graduated high school, and won the state championship, which was the same day, and he'd probably say the same thing if he was here today," added Shaun Golden. "I'm sure he'd appreciate today, and the way all the teams played, and the people turned out for him. The community support we have gotten, not just today, but all year, has been incredible, and we are very grateful."

Said Ford: "After Will died we were kicking around different thoughts of how to remember him. Boosters Club president David Burke and I traded some ideas. When we looked at the schedule, with both teams playing, this seemed like a natural because we wanted Corey to be a part of it. She's been able to put a little distance between (losing him), and moving on, and playing lacrosse, and being around her teammates has been a big help for her, I think. But with the #19 T-shirts, and everything else, we wanted to make this a very positive remembrance of Will."

Beaudoin's hectic day began early, but he never doubted he would make the game's 6 p.m. start.

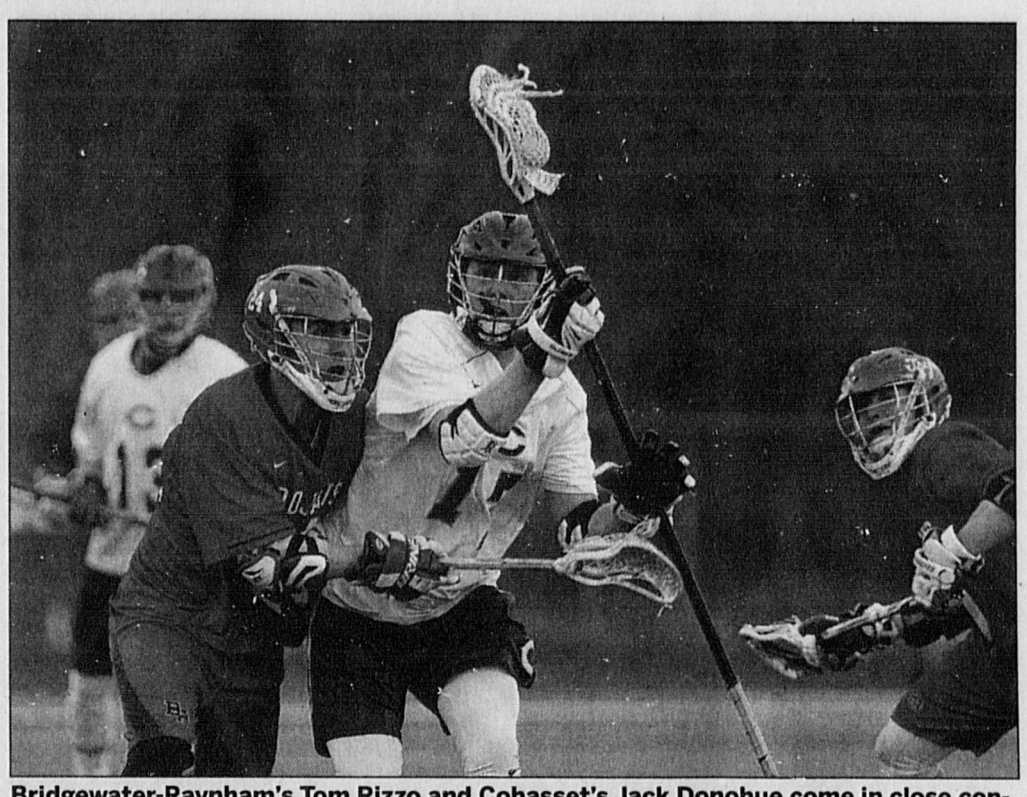
"I was hopeful I could get there in time, even at 4 a.m.," said Beaudoin. "As a parent, that where Will really hits me, because you could see all the potential in a kid like that. Knowing we were honoring him tonight,

I really wanted to be here, for his family, for our team, and our community. I think as it turned out, this game will be a good thing, showing the kids what a little tenacity can do – watching this film will be great, seeing a bunch of great athletes from B-R showing us all of our flaws."

Looking back at that 2014 state title, Beaudoin remembered Golden's statement about it being the happiest day of his life, and noted that he had been a huge part of the final victory against Dover-Sherborn.

"Will's faceoffs got us that win," said Beaudoin. "I'm glad that one of the last things I said to him that day was that I loved him. He was so good with the younger kids I always thought he might come back here and be a coach.

"Even on this team, (senior) Sam Arnold, who takes our faceoffs now, was only on that 2014 championship team because of Will. (Will) had come to us and told us, 'This kid is ready, he can play varsity right now.' And he was right, and we respected his opinion, so we brought Sam up to the varsity, and he's been here ever since."



Bridgewater-Raynham's Tom Rizzo and Cohasset's Jack Donohue come in close contact as Cohasset beat BR 8-5 in the Will Golden Memorial Fund Game Tuesday, May 3, 2016. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/GARY HIGGINS

Tee shirts to benefit the Will Golden scholarship were sold at the Will Golden Memorial Scholarship Fund Games Tuesday, May 3 at Cohasset High School. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/GARY HIGGINS

STRETCH

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"Tuesday we played a very tough East Bridgewater team," Larsen said of the 7-1 Vikings. "Xander Schubert put in another tremendous effort on the mound."

Schubert allowed just four earned runs over six innings in a 7-3 loss.

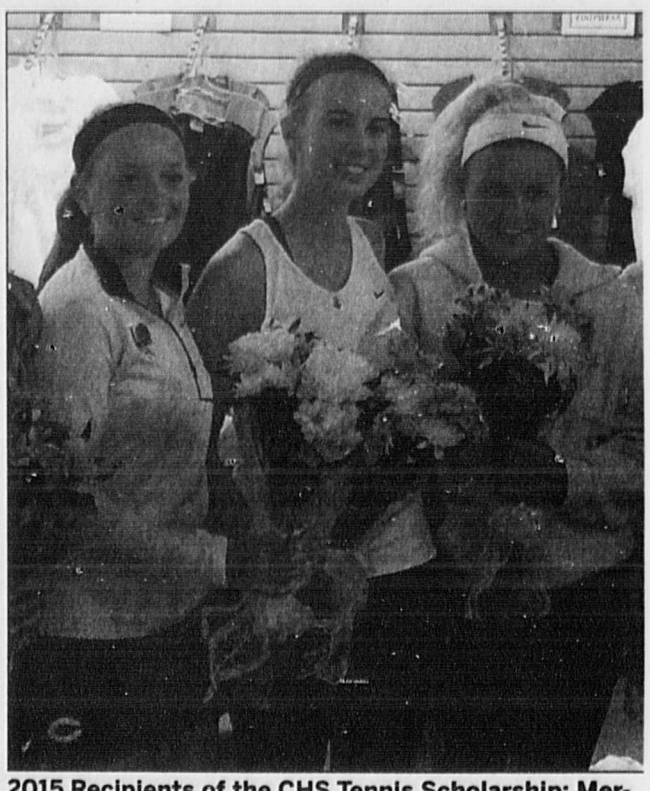
Along with Schubert's solid outing, there was another outstanding effort, by Zack Silva, who continued his hot streak going 2-for-3 in the game.

"Zack Silva has been the hottest hitter around lately," Larsen said. "After a shaky start to the season he has gone 10 for his last 14 for an average of .714 in our last 4 games."

The Skippers were scheduled to play at Randolph Thursday, May 5 (result unavailable at press time) and will face Rockland at home on Friday May 6.

The Skippers will have to deal with another four game week next week including the always pivotal rivalry game with Hull on Tuesday May 10 at Milliken Field.

TENNIS



2015 Recipients of the CHS Tennis Scholarship: Meredith Corry, Clara Baumgarten and Emily Livingstone. COURTESY PHOTO

Scholarship time

CHS Girls Tennis Scholarship Program 2016

Clear the courts, hang the nets! Spring is almost here! Time for practice, ENOUGH cold weather, Tennis season is finally here! The CHS Girls Tennis Scholarship recognizes that the characteristics developed through team participation: Hard work, positive attitude, sportsmanship and leadership will sustain the players in their future endeavors, both on and off the court.

Tennis is a lifelong sport and members of the Cohasset community are welcome and encouraged to contribute to this scholarship fund. Sponsor support will be recognized at Game ($25), Set ($50), Match ($100) and Grand Slam ($250+) levels. Gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated. Please make donations payable to CHS Girls Tennis Scholarship and mail to 146 Nichols Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 or dropped off at any Pilgrim Bank office.

COHASSET HALL OF FAME

Accepting nominations

The Cohasset High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2016 Hall of Fame Class.

Families, friends, fans, and CHS Alumni are asked to assist the Hall of Fame Committee in putting together Hall of Fame application packets for prospective candidates for the November 2016 induction.

The Hall of Fame Committee will be voting on nominated teams in May and nominated individuals in June. In order for a candidate or team to be considered a nomination packet must be completed on their behalf. Packets will be available at the following locations: The Main Office of Cohasset High School, The Cohasset Recreation Office at Town Hall, The Cohasset Historical Society, The Cohasset Town Library.

You may also visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/pages/Cohasset-High-School-Athletic-Hall-of-Fame/119142731441012

You may visit us at our Cohasset High School Athletic Hall of Fame webpage and download the nomination information at: http://www.cohassetk12.org/Page/132

You can also reach the CHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee by contacting Athletic Director Ron Ford at: Ron Ford, Athletic Director, Cohasset Middle - High School 143 Pond St., Cohasset MA 02025 Office: 781-383-6103 email: rford@cohassetk12.org

CAMP, SCHOOL AND ACTIVITIES
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WHEN DAY CAMP IS CHILD CARE: Benefits Exist for the Entire Family

By Bette S. Bussel, Executive Director, American Camp Association, New England

Day camps offer safe, child-centered environments away from home. Several benefits of a quality day camp experience include: increased self-confidence and self esteem, improved independence and leadership skills and enhanced social skills. Playing and learning with other children in a non-academic setting develops many skills that children will use when they return to school in the fall. Individual and group decision making opportunities, activities that foster cooperation and compromise, practice in taking directions from adults other than parents and teachers, and encouragement to try new things and take safe risks are some day camp experiences that directly influence children's learning and development.

Sending a dependent child under the age of 13 to day camp so a parent can work or attend school qualifies as a dependent care expense. The size of the tax benefit allowable by law varies because it is based on parent income. I recommend that parents consult an accountant or tax advisor about how to claim this benefit, which can save a family hundreds of dollars annually. This tax benefit applies only to day camps, not overnight camps.

Don't assume that day camp regulation and child care regulation are the same. State regulations vary. It's a very good idea to ask how and by whom a day camp is regulated. One purpose of the ACA Accreditation program is to educate camp owners and directors in the administration of key aspects of camp operation, particularly those related to program quality and the health and safety of campers and staff. The standards establish guidelines for needed policies, procedures, and practices. The camp is then responsible for the ongoing implementation of the policies. More information is available at: www.acanewengland.org

Some day camps with hours that don't match the traditional work day offer before and/or after camp care for the campers. Ask about where before and after camp care takes place, how the children are grouped, which staff members care for the children, what activities are offered, and what additional fees are involved. Additional day camp search considerations include: transportation, lunch, rainy-day logistics, and how communication between camp and home takes place.

Day camps offer optimal environments for children during the summer! While parents are at work or school, day campers have the chance to learn and experience so many activities, many of them in the out-of-doors. Sunshine-filled days with friends, swimming lessons, nature hikes and/or field trips, picnics, non-competitive games, skill building and competition in a variety of individual and team sports, opportunities to create and experience fine and performing arts, safe risk-taking activities and many more are in store for your child at day camp!

The American Camp Association, New England—the region's hub for all things summer camp—supports camp experiences, educates camp professionals & staff, consults on camp best practices and advocates for camp quality. For additional camp information and resources in CT, MA, ME, NH, RI & VT, visit www.acanewengland.org or call (781) 541-6080.

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COHASSET REC

Little actors light up stage at workshop

The Little Actors Workshop recently presented "Sherlock Holmes & The Mysterious Case Of The Red-Headed Leprechaun" at the Joseph Osgood School Gymnasium.

Cast included: Farrah Jackson, Meghan Smith, Molly Campbell, Maddie Campbell, Hadley Berns, Ali Schultz, Maddie Schultz, Samantha Linhart, Cate Norris, Kemble Doherty, Nolan McHugh, Max Galecke, Amelia Palmer, Jay Naples, Kylee Ziady, Emily Cunning, Jocelyn Smith, Aine Norton, Jaedyn Kaufman Savenor, Syndi Kaufman Savenor, Lennox Wrixon, Bridget Norris, Lilly Keay, Rylee Noonan, Max Ly, Noella Moscardelli, Kendall Vail, Jack Pennington, Michael York, Finn Wrixon, Thomas Weissensee, Max Ellinger, Jaden Selha, Grace Doyle, Emma Lee, Chloe Carr, Riley Frame, Mary Cate Donohue, Halianne Catrambone, Charlotte McCallion, William Frame, Saoirse O'Duggan, Nora Reilly, Luke Sebestyen, and Abby Norris.

Stage crew: Anna Deininger, Sophie Markowitz, Megan Nelson and Abby Norris

Story by: Grace M. Deveney & Elizabeth A. Frazier

Written by: Elizabeth A. Frazier

Directed by: Grace M. Deveney

Stage manager: Callie Piepenbrink

Set design & construction: Brian W. Frazier and Sara M. Norris

Sound & camera crew: Anthony Castellano, Brandon M. Collett & Jesse Demelo

Helper: Matthew W. Frazier

Photography: Robbie Hill

MOTHER'S DAY

Let us know how great your mom is

She brought you into this world, picked you up when you fell, made sure your face was clean before school, and baked you and your friends cookies. They say there's no love like a mother's love. Show her how much you love her back.

Share a photo of your mom — alone, with you, with her grandchildren — with a brief note saying how much she means to you.

We will run as many of your Mother's Day shout outs on the Your News page in the newspaper as possible and all on our Wicked Local website. Email photos as "jpg" attachments to cohasset@wickedlocal.com. Please include a caption with your name and where you live, your mom's name and where she lives, and your message to mom.

DON'T MISS THIS

Local Band Wheelhouse Rodeo to play Bluegrass Festival

Also at Legion Hall, May 7

Wheelhouse Rodeo, a Cohasset bluegrass band, will be taking the main stage at the three day, Bluegrass on the Bogs festival in Hanson. The group played at the event last year on the Pavilion Stage, and this year will be featured on the Main Stage on Saturday, May 21st.

"We have been playing hard and writing harder, so this is a great validation of the work the band puts in," said Peter Richardsson, a founding member. "Getting to the festival level is exciting as we get to share the stage with so many of the bands we learn from and relish."

The band was founded by Peter and Joe Joyce. They soon recruited John Jackson on guitar and David Sebestyen on bass. Curiously both Dave and John played drums professionally in their previous lives. Liz Woodard was then added to the lineup bringing her solid blues vocals to the "grass."

"The band is an eccentric group of players playing an eclectic mix of music," notes Joe. "We all grew up with the Dead and the Stones, and now it is fun mixing our classic rock heritage with more traditional bluegrass tunes and even some other numbers straight out of left field."

Peter and Joe's journey began in 2013 at the Thomas Point Bluegrass Festival.

Wheelhouse Rodeo, a Cohasset bluegrass band, will be taking the main stage at the three day, Bluegrass on the Bogs festival in Hanson. COURTESY PHOTO

After the last act of an evening, they wondered around to different campsites "sitting in" on inviting jams. Peter, who played guitar in working bands since college, had a six string banjo tuned and strung exactly like a guitar. Joe had picked up the guitar a few times in his life, but it never really took. He enjoyed singing, but those evenings made him resolved to play an instrument.

Six months later he went to Peter's house on a Saturday evening to show him the 10 songs he had learned on the ukulele. They jammed and sang the night away, and the next day they played at the open mic at Jo's Nautical in Hull. The consensus was they had something. Joe's strong vocals and steady uke were complimented by Peter's harmonies and nascent banjo pickin'. Soon Peter bought a tradition 5-string banjo and after honing their skills the duo began to expand.

Now Joe sings lead and plays ukulele, Liz sings lead and harmony, Peter sings, plays banjo, mandolin, and occasionally recorder, Dave on Bass, John on guitar, and they even get Joel Meginsky, a part time Hull resident who plays double bass with the Springfield Symphony, to sit in and play lap steel and fiddle. They have written enough to head to studio in June, but love to play local bars and events; their Friday night Sandy Beach acoustic jams are not to be missed. "We have a lot of energy," says Joe. John jokes, "we play everything in the key of fast!"

If you need a fix before the festival, they are at The American Legion in Cohasset tomorrow night, (May 7), and are playing Hullapalooza, a charity event for the Hull Land Conservation Trust at The C-Note on Sunday May, 15th at 4:30 p.m. Visit: www.facebook.com/wheelhousereodeo

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A guide to native landscaping

Get an eco-friendly, neighbor-friendly yard

By Melissa Erickson
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Going native in your landscaping is becoming more popular as homeowners develop a greater understanding of its benefits, and understand some tips and tricks for making this style of yard look a little more tame.

Whether you're trying out the trend on a small scale or ditching the lawn entirely, you've got to do it with care or you might hear disparaging remarks from your neighbors. Wildlife-friendly landscaping has a reputation for being a little too wild for some. One of the biggest complaints is that native plantings are weed-like and grow too tall, dangling onto sidewalks and brushing up on passers-by.

"People make inferences about who lives in a house by what they see outside the house," Joan Iverson Nassauer, a professor of landscape architecture at the University of Michigan, said. "In our culture we allow much more creativity inside the home than outside. Your yard speaks to your neighbors. If they think the yard is neglected, they'll think your home is, too."

There is enormous pressure to conform and have a cookie-cutter, basic grass lawn, but the benefits of native plantings are many, Iverson Nassauer said.

Native plantings provide a habitat for birds, bees, butterflies and other wildlife, prevent invasive plants from taking hold, and often require lower maintenance and less water and use fewer pesticides, said Jacob Johnston, a project assistant with YardMap, an endeavor at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology to map global conservation efforts one parcel at a time. The trend is increasingly being embraced in drought-stricken areas, Johnston said.

Here are a few tips to embrace wildlife-friendly landscaping and make native plantings look less messy:

1. Use selective mowing

Thin strips of mowed lawn will indicate that the yard is actively cared for and create natural pathways. "Maybe you're only mowing 25 percent of the yard but it's all about where it's placed," Iverson Nassauer said. Use strips like walkways through the yard and in areas bordering driveways or sidewalks.

2. Don't just plant – design

Space plants wisely by taking into account your planting zone. Too far apart and plants will not fill in, but too close together and plants will look crowded and messy, Iverson Nassauer said. Other tips include clustering plants to create a rhythm, mixing woody and herbaceous plants, and adding a linear element like a low wall or shrubs planted in rows. Also consider planting at high (trees and shrubs) and low (shorter annuals or grasses) levels for visual impact.

3. Favor flowers

Opt for plants that have "larger, brighter flowers," because Iverson Nassauer's research suggests that tiny flowers on native plants are often mistaken for weeds. "Native plants can have shorter seasons, and it is best to plant a wide variety to provide blooms and cover all summer or all year," Johnston said.

4. Avoid droopy plants

"Larger clumps or tight groupings will help tall plants support themselves better. Also, tiered vegetation with short plants along the paths or edges, getting consecutively taller towards the back or the middle if the garden is more circular, will save trimming and provide better viewing access all around," Johnston said. One last thing to consider is control of wind-blown seeds. "Harvest that type of seed as soon as possible or cut before seeding" to keep seeds from spreading where they're not wanted, Johnston said.

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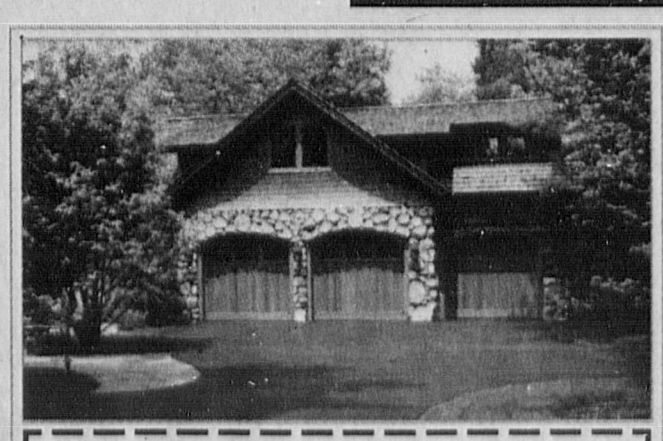
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Craving organization?

Time to call a professional

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Our busy lives tend to create more stuff than the average person has time and resources to handle. There's the mail, your important papers, sports paraphernalia, craft supplies, holiday decorations and pet products. Oh, and more mail. We end up with piles of papers on our counters and our desks, craft projects with nowhere to call home and closets stuffed to the brim with things we don't often use but are reluctant to part with. And if you crave a neat and organized home, all that stuff can cause stress.

Perhaps it's time for professional help – no, not for the stress, but for help organizing your home.

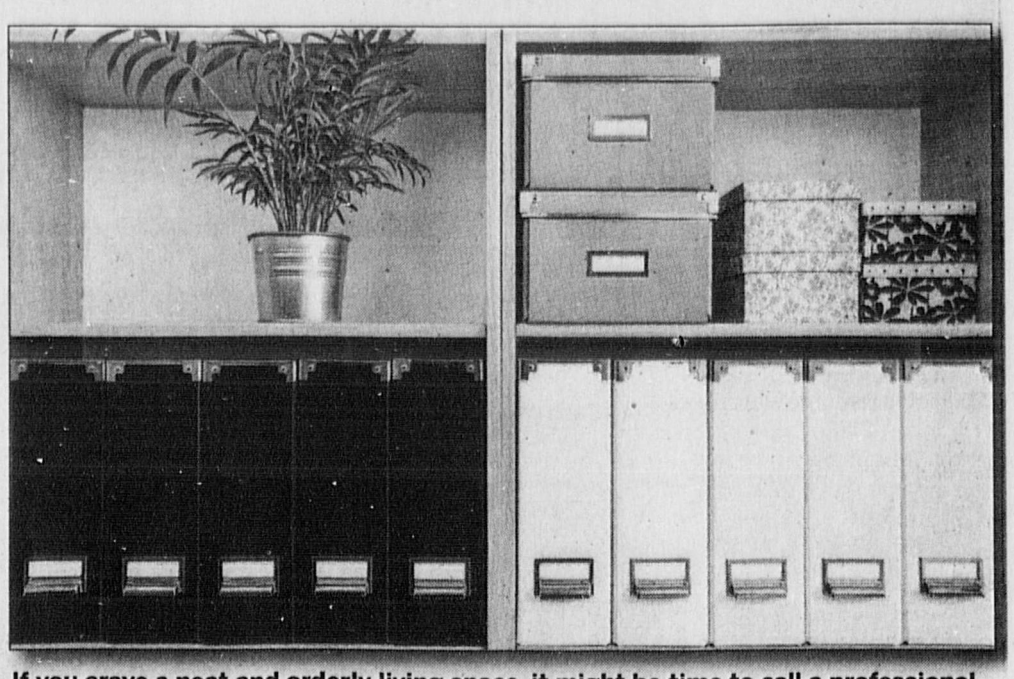
Enter a professional organizer – someone who is not just organized themselves, but someone who can help you get organized.

Plymouth resident Kate Altieri is a professional organizer and client services manager with Organizing Boston, which was named Best of Boston Home 2014 by Boston magazine.

"Just because someone is organized doesn't mean that their system is going to work for most people," Altieri said. "You have to customize based on your client's specific personality, the layout of their home, what's working for them, what's not working for them and what they have going on."

What clients are looking for is the expertise that an organizer can provide, Altieri said; that an organizer will assess what it is that they have, come up with a solution and, once that solution is in place, it will work to solve the problem and not just be pretty.

Altieri doesn't want to sit and talk when she visits a client's home for the first time – she wants to tour it. And though that thought might strike fear in the heart of someone who has stuff stashed in a closet – Altieri wants to see everything.



If you crave a neat and orderly living space, it might be time to call a professional organizer.

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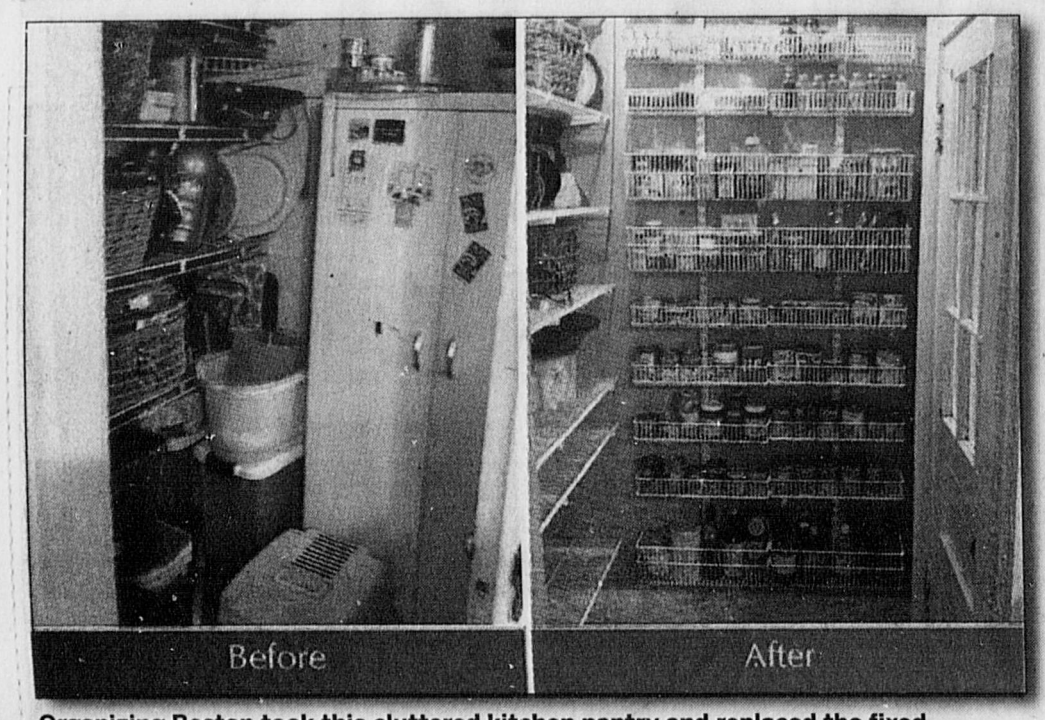

Organizing Boston took this cluttered kitchen pantry and replaced the fixed shelves on the left with adjustable shelves to accommodate different height items. The metal cabinet that blocked the door from opening completely was replaced with shallow, open shelves that used all of the vertical space, allowed the door to open, and clearly displayed the pantry items. PHOTO COURTESY OF ORGANIZING BOSTON

"Show me everything," she said. "There's no judgment. I'm there to see the whole picture."

Oftentimes, it's not just the closet that might need to be dealt with, however.

"In order to address that issue, you often have to do other things first. In order to go from A to B, we have to address C, D and E first," she said.

So how do you find the right person to help you organize your trouble spot (or spots)?

An online search for a professional organizer is a good place to start, or visit napo.org, the website of the National Association of Professional Organizers, where you can search a geographic area and get information on organizers, including their credentials, how long they've been in business and what they specialize in, Altieri said.

Some organizers are certified through NAPO, which requires that organizers take courses and get 1,500 hours of experience in the field for certification, she said.

"The most important thing is to talk with someone first and make sure that they are a good fit for you," Altieri suggested. "I always reassure my clients, especially those that are new to organizing, I'm not going to come into your house and insist that you throw things away and do a clean sweep – that's stressful. An organizer shouldn't force their ideas on you. They're going to give their clients suggestions and advice, but many times a client will have a reason why that suggestion won't work. So you have to work around those reasons why."

Although each plan that Altieri suggests is customized to her client, she does have some favorite solutions.

"One of mine is armoire storage, in case you have a deficit of closets – but certainly everything is customized. A lot of my suggestions may be similar but they're always tailored to my clients' particular needs," she said.

"You have to customize based on your client's specific personality, the layout of their home, what's working for them, what's not working for them and what they have going on."

–Kate Altieri, professional organizer and client services manager, Organizing Boston

And some of these suggestions are shared through blogs and posts on the Organizing Boston website.

"They look at magazines and Pinterest, but what they don't realize is that life is so much more complicated than a magazine picture," Altieri said. "Looking at these magazines, they're convinced that their life needs to look that organized, that perfect. That's not going to happen – especially if you have children; even if you're an adult with hobbies and interests. I work with people to realize that it's not always going to be perfect. The important thing is that the space is working, and that it's not making you anxious and frustrated. Sometimes good is good enough."

Once Altieri assesses your needs, she'll come up with a proposal.

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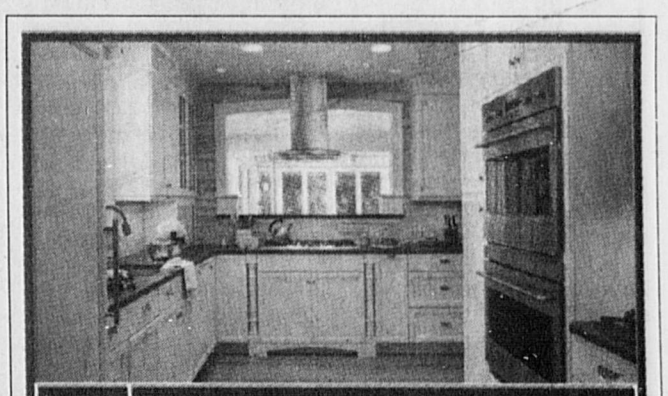
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Craving organization?

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Our busy lives tend to create more stuff than the average person has time and resources to handle. There's the mail, your important papers, sports paraphernalia, craft supplies, holiday decorations and pet products. Oh, and more mail. We end up with piles of papers on our counters and our desks, craft projects with nowhere to call home and closets stuffed to the brim with things we don't often use but are reluctant to part with. And if you crave a neat and organized home, all that stuff can cause stress.

Perhaps it's time for professional help – no, not for the stress, but for help organizing your home.

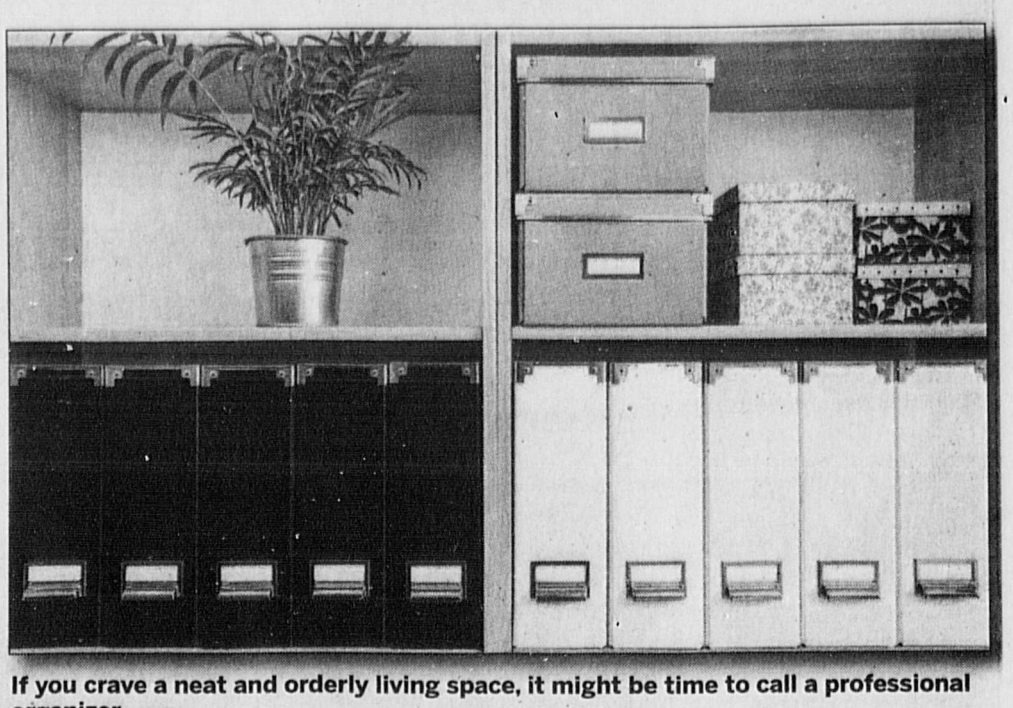
Enter a professional organizer – someone who is not just organized themselves, but someone who can help you get organized.

Plymouth resident Kate Altieri is a professional organizer and client services manager with Organizing Boston, which was named Best of Boston Home 2014 by Boston magazine.

"Just because someone is organized doesn't mean that their system is going to work for most people," Altieri said. "You have to customize based on your client's specific personality, the layout of their home, what's working for them, what's not working for them and what they have going on."

What clients are looking for is the expertise that an organizer can provide, Altieri said; that an organizer will assess what it is that they have, come up with a solution and, once that solution is in place, it will work to solve the problem and not just be pretty.

Altieri doesn't want to sit and talk when she visits a client's home for the first time – she wants to tour it. And though that thought might strike fear in the heart of someone who has stuff stashed in a closet – Altieri wants to see everything.



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"Show me everything," she said. "There's no judgment. I'm there to see the whole picture."

Oftentimes, it's not just the closet that might need to be dealt with, however.

"In order to address that issue, you often have to do other things first. In order to go from A to B, we have to address C, D and E first," she said.

So how do you find the right person to help you organize your trouble spot (or spots)?

An online search for a professional organizer is a good place to start, or visit napo.org, the website of the National Association of Professional Organizers, where you can search a geographic area and get information on organizers, including their credentials, how long they've been in business and what they specialize in, Altieri said.

Some organizers are certified through NAPO, which requires that organizers take courses and get 1,500 hours of experience in the field for certification, she said.

"The most important thing is to talk with someone first and make sure that they are a good fit for you," Altieri suggested. "I always reassure my clients, especially those that are new to organizing, I'm not going to come into your house and insist that you throw things away and do a clean sweep – that's stressful. An organizer shouldn't force their ideas on you. They're going to give their clients suggestions and advice, but many times a client will have a reason why that suggestion won't work. So you have to work around those reasons why."

Although each plan that Altieri suggests is customized to her client, she does have some favorite solutions.

"One of mine is armoire storage, in case you have a deficit of closets – but certainly everything is customized. A lot of my suggestions may be similar but they're always tailored to my clients' particular needs," she said.

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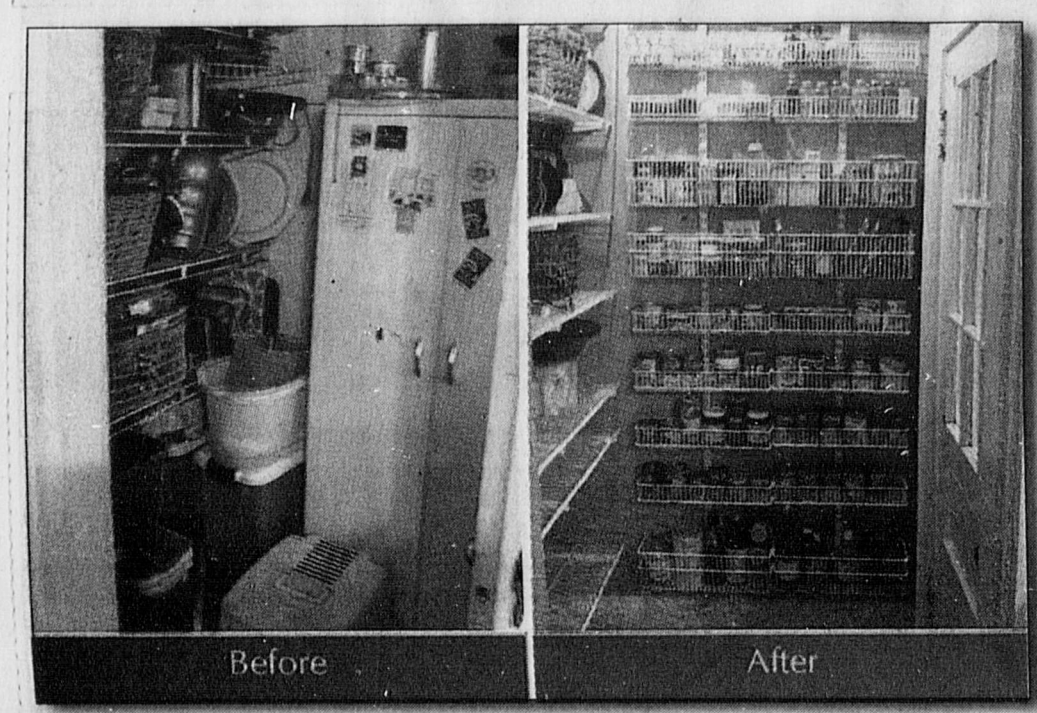
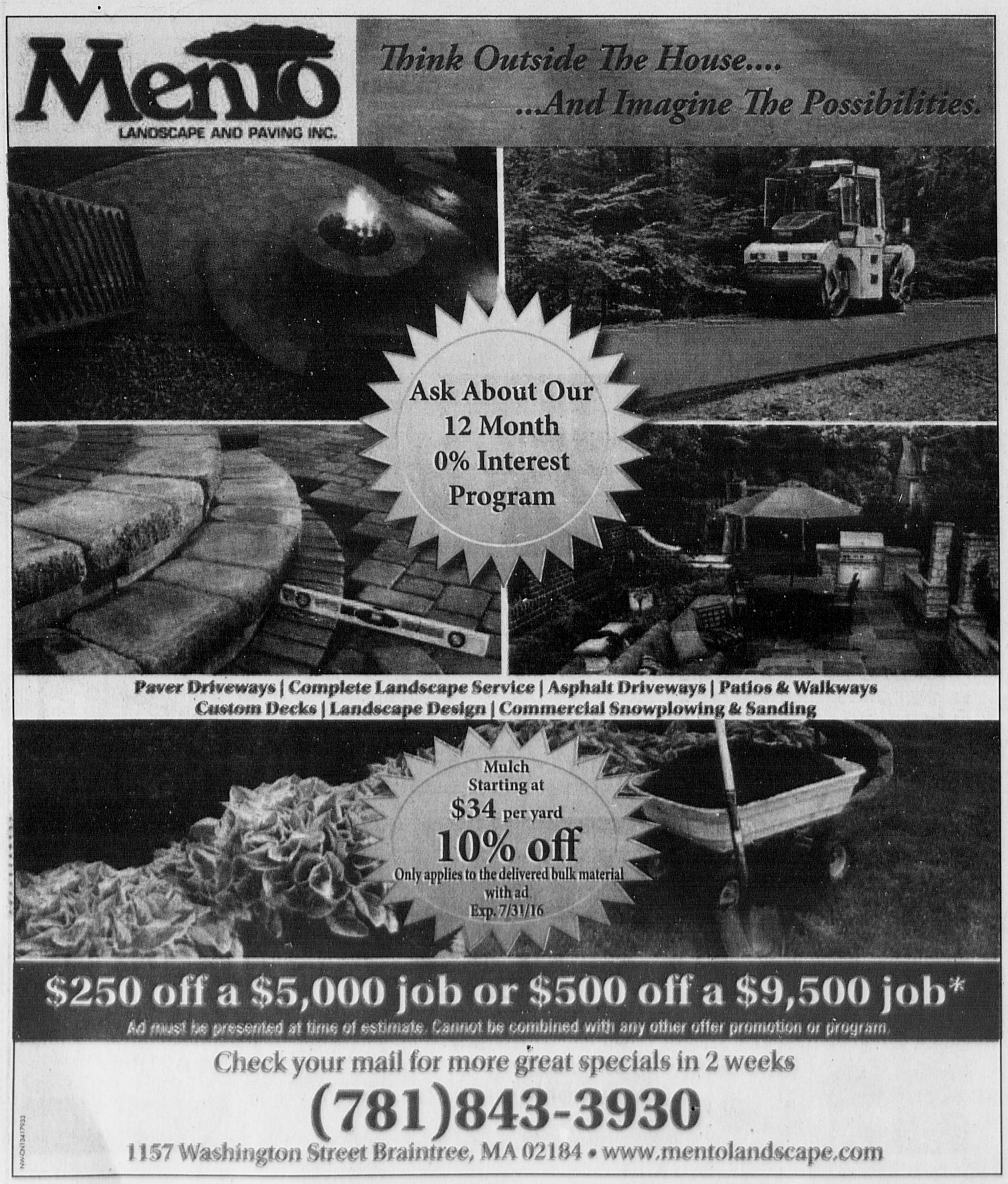


Organizing Boston took this cluttered kitchen pantry and replaced the fixed shelves on the left with adjustable shelves to accommodate different height items. The metal cabinet that blocked the door from opening completely was replaced with shallow, open shelves that used all of the vertical space, allowed the door to open, and clearly displayed the pantry items. PHOTO COURTESY OF ORGANIZING BOSTON



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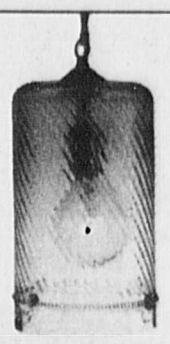
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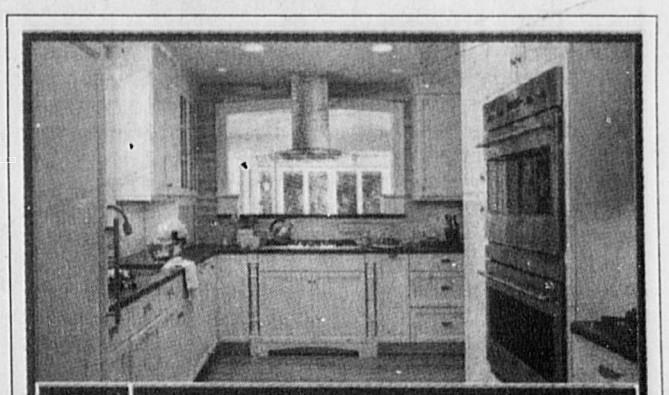
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DISHING IT OUT

Good times on tap and tasty pub fare at Union Brewhouse

Weymouth restaurant pours on the fun in cool, casual setting

By Ed Baker
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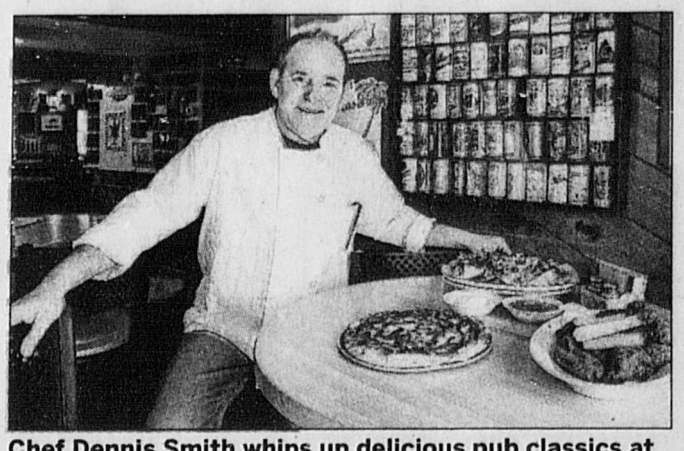
We're Dishing it Out this week at Union Brewhouse in Weymouth where manager Dennis Smith says the restaurant's casual atmosphere make it an inviting place for a visitor to enjoy some nachos, steak tips or and a vast variety of craft beers while hanging out or watching a sporting event.

Weymouth's Union Brewhouse has a vast craft beer selection and was one of the first locations to really showcase craft brew in the area.

The Union Pizza is a house specialty, with bacon, hamburger, melted cheddar cheese, and barbecue sauce.

Union Brewhouse's loaded nachos are extra special because each layer of chips is covered in cheese. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTOS/ALYSSA STONE



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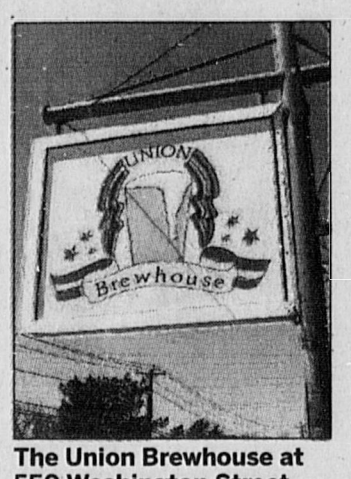

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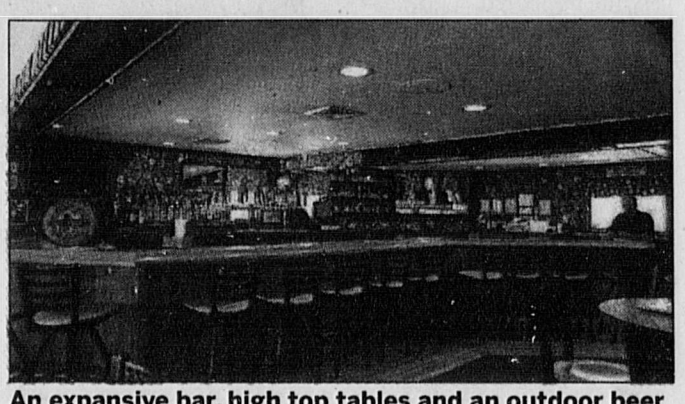

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How long have you been open?
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How would you describe the kind of food you serve?
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Describe the atmosphere at your restaurant?
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Favorite dish on the menu:
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What's new on the menu?
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What's on tap at your restaurant?
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What vegetarian or gluten free options do you offer?
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Is locally grown food/produce used in the dishes you serve?
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Do you offer takeout?
Yes, but no delivery.

What's the best part about owning/managing/working at this restaurant?
The customers. I've been here 14 years and I don't mind coming to work everyday. And we have very little turnover with our dedicated staff.

What makes your restaurant stand apart from other restaurants in the area?
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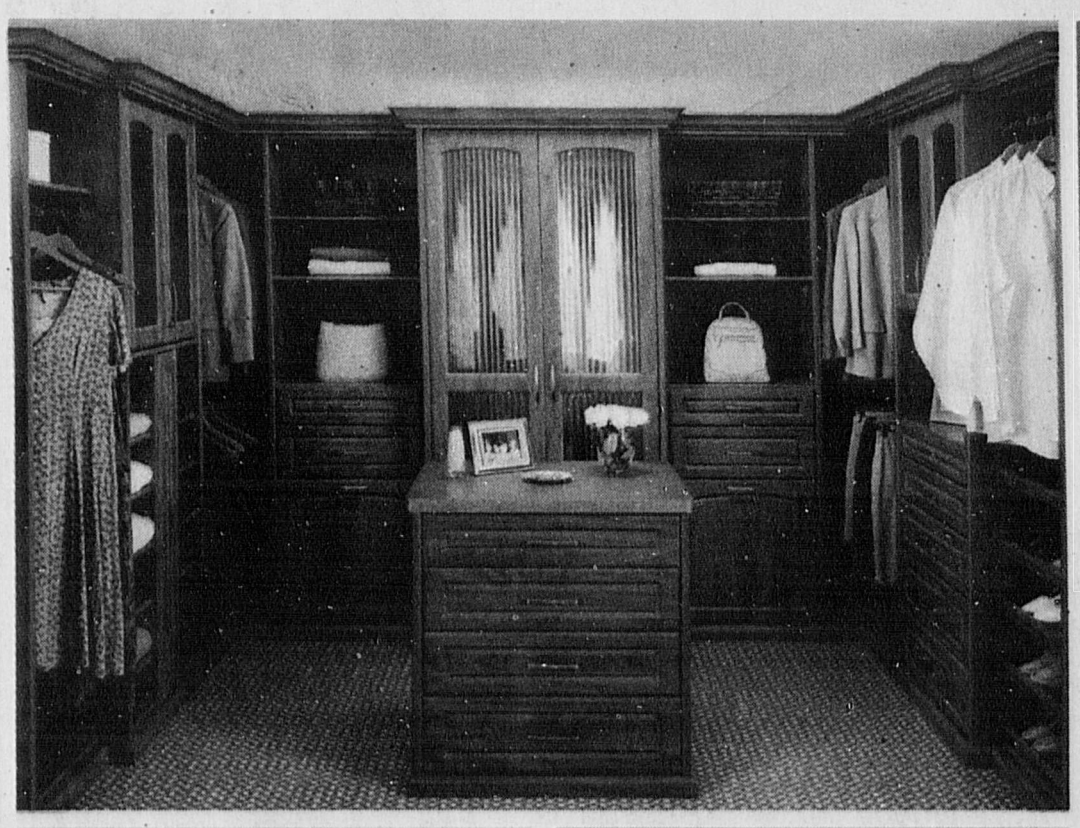

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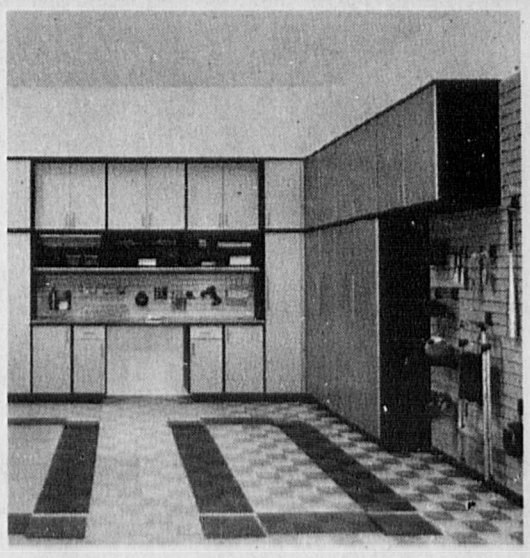

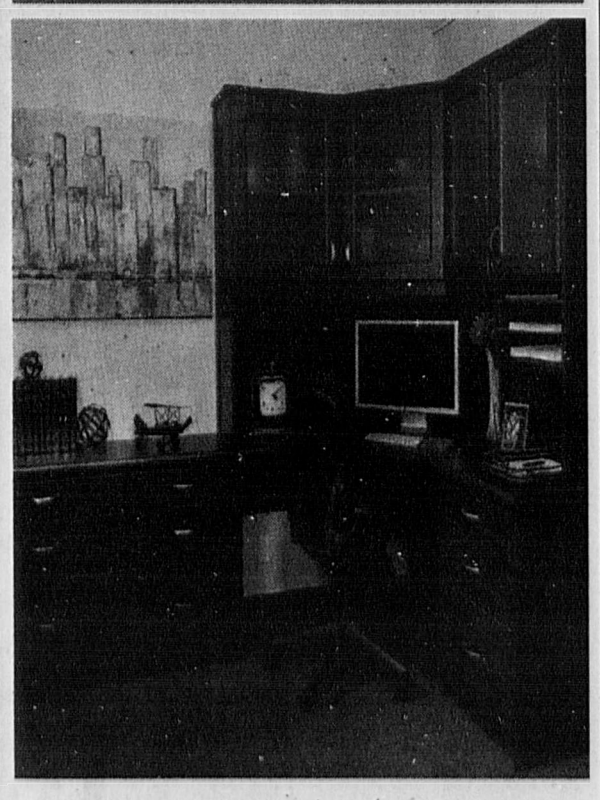

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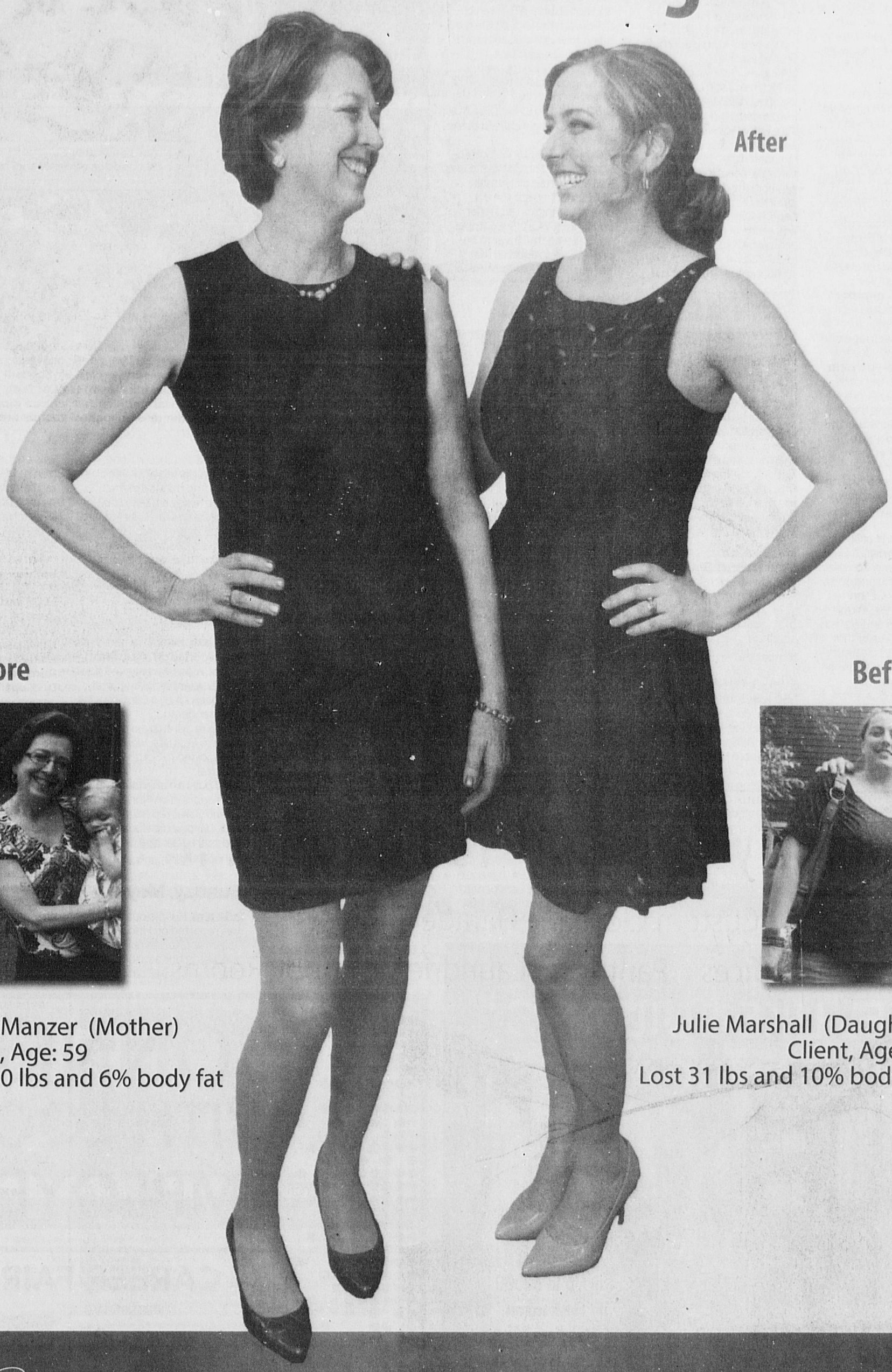

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Monday, April 25

7:13 a.m. An animal complaint was reported on Atlantic Avenue. Caller reported finding a white golden retriever with an orange collar. Caller offered to keep the dog and requested she be called if the owners were looking for him.
9:13 a.m. Caller reported smoke outside on North Main Street by Robbins Garage. Services were rendered.
9:43 a.m. Mutual aid ambulance to Arrowwood Dr., Scituate for woman not feeling well, transported ALS to South Shore Hospital.
10:24 a.m. A suspicious item was reported on Hill Street. Caller reported a bicycle in their backyard and believed it might have been stolen.
11:23 a.m. Officer on community policing in Cohasset Village.
11:45 a.m. A fire was reported on Jerusalem Road. Caller reported what looked to be a brush fire behind the house. Caller stated flames were above the house and there was black smoke. Caller stated it didn't look like the house had caught fire. Services were rendered.
1:46 p.m. Officer conducting community policing at Town Common.
2:31 p.m. Officer conducting community policing at Town Common.
3:20 p.m. An animal complaint was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Caller reported a dog in the middle of the intersection and stated that there were three or four vehicles stopped to attempt to catch it. The dog was gone upon officer arrival.
3:48 p.m. School bus driver reports she is broken down in a bad spot at Joy Place and is requesting an officer until a new bus comes.
4:48 p.m. Larceny was reported on Pond Street. Officer flagged down about a theft. Situation was investigated.
6:19 p.m. Ongoing investigation of gas odor on Ripley Road near #105.
6:41 p.m. Cars parked illegally around the common. One vehicle tagged; a couple were moved.
8:06 p.m. A burglary alarm was reported on Ripley Road. The motor detector one of the kid's rooms detected movement. Services were rendered.

Tuesday, April 26

12:57 a.m. A suspicious person was reported on Pond Street.
2:23 p.m. Mutual aid ambulance to Central Park Dr., Scituate , for man with ETOH; transported ALS to South Shore Hospital.
5:42 p.m. Fraud was reported on Norman Todd Lane. Caller reported receiving phone calls from a man seeking information. The man had a foreign accent and caller stated her husband may have provided some personal information earlier in the day. This was reported to be an ongoing issue, however no money was exchanged or personal information. Caller was advised to call if they called back or if someone showed up at the house.
7:04 p.m. Officer reports passing motorist says white Volvo was driving at the high rate of speed north on 3A from Scituate. Checked to Hingham line, nothing showing.
8:27 p.m. Caller reported the railroad gates being down with the lights on on Sohier Street. Caller stated the gates went up and she drove through and could see that the train was still coming toward the crossing. She stated that after she passed through, the gates came back down. A technician was notified.

Wednesday, April 27

3:52 a.m. A burglary alarm was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Alarm company attempted to contact the keyholder. The building was checked and secured.
7:56 a.m. Mutual aid ambulance to Mordecai Lincoln Road, Scituate for lethargic woman, ALS transport to South Shore Hospital.
8:55 a.m. Officer on community policing at Town Common.
11:52 a.m. A caller on Doane Street stated her house was filled with smoke. A chemical smell was reported, but no flames. Services were rendered. Officers advised that it appeared to be from something cooking.
12:43 p.m. Officer on community policing at Town Common.
2:16 p.m. Fraud was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. A counterfeit bill was reported at the carwash.
2:50 p.m. Caller reports utility trailer parked on street all day, hanging into street causing potential hazard. Trailer empty and not attached to a vehicle. Officer advises not on the road, off on the sidewalk, still room for people to walk by it.
5:32 p.m. Officer out with a parking complaint near 134 N. Main St.
5:42 p.m. Fraudulent use of a credit card was reported at the police station.
7:40 p.m. Suspicious activity was reported on Spindrift Lane. Caller reported a Hyundai SUV speeding into the cul de sac blaring music. Caller could not give a plate number but believed the driver to be drunk. Caller reported that her husband went to check on the woman operator. Services were rendered.

Thursday, April 28

9:30 a.m. An animal complaint was reported on Jerusalem Road. A chocolate Lab with stitches on its throat was found in the area. Dog was taken to Scituate Animal Shelter.

9:54 a.m. An animal complaint was reported on North Main Street. Caller reported her white pointer dog named Lulu got out. Dog had an orange and blue collar and is friendly but skittish. Caller reported the dog had been missing for about an hour.
10:45 a.m. An animal call was reported at Atlantic Avenue and Jerusalem Road. In the Marsh area, a seagull with its wing hanging off was reported.
11:10 a.m. A fire alarm was reported on Jerusalem Road. The basement and first floor alarms were set off. Alarm Central called back to report it was the toaster oven. They received a code from the resident.
11:44 a.m. Parking complaing on Brook Street; vehicle parked on the wrong side, impeding traffic. Dispatch located a phone number of the registered owner and left a message.
11:48 a.m. Red Lion Inn hosting a large event, cars parked all over the place. Residents complaining; spoke to manager and they will make an announcement to have all the illegally parked cars moved.
12:17 p.m. Officer on community policing on Cohasset Common.
12:36 p.m. Officer conducting parking enforcement at Brook and S. Main streets. Requests wrecker for vehicle but owner arrived first. Multiple violations issued in area of 91 S. Main Street.
5:06 p.m. Caller on Beach Street requested police patrol the end of Beechwood Street. Caller stated students leave their beer cans on the street when they party in the woods.

Friday, April 29

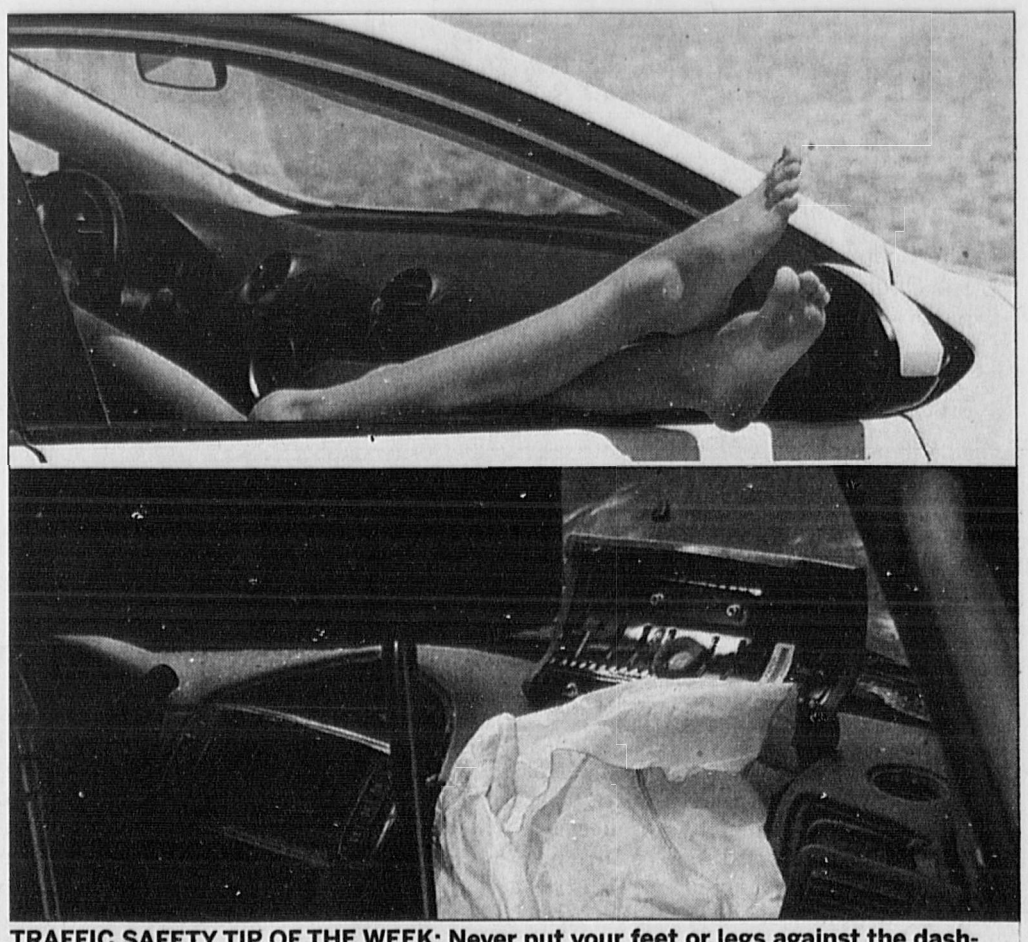
7:37 a.m. Mutual aid, Cohasset officers to Hingham for funeral coverage.
9:01 a.m. Officer on traffic patrol on Sohier Street.
9:15 a.m. Officer on community policing in the village.
10 a.m.: Officer on community policing in the village. Vehicle in loading zone tagged.
10:01 a.m. Officer on traffic patrol on Hull Street.
1:16 p.m. A suspicious motor vehicle was reported at Deep Run and Jerusalem Road. Caller reported work vehicles parked on the side of the road, making it hard to pull out of Deep Run. Caller stated vehicles were parked the wrong way. Services were rendered, and the truck was moved.

Saturday, April 30

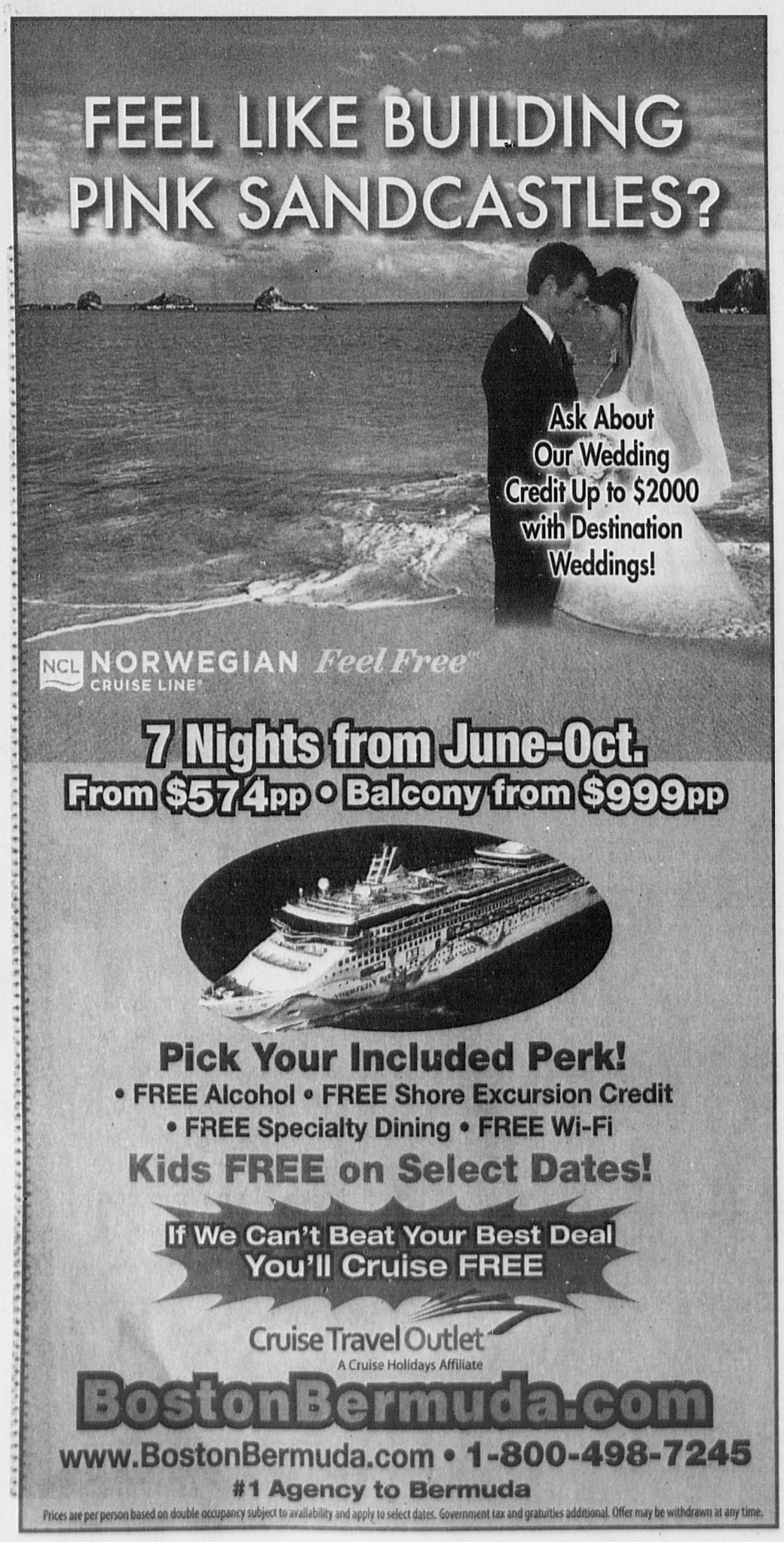
8:08 a.m. An animal complaint was reported on North Main Street. A unit was flagged down by a resident reporting a cat had been hit by a car. Services were rendered.
3:17 p.m. Mutual aid ambulance to Scituate, woman transported to South Shore Hospital.
3:44 p.m. An animal complaint was reported on North Main Street. Caller reported a dog went beyond his electric leash and scared her son. Services were rendered.

Sunday, May 1

2:52 a.m. Suspicious activity was reported on Hobart Lane. Caller reported thinking someone was in her house. Caller stated her 2-year-old daughter was on the second floor. Her alarm was on, but there was a red light flashing. She reported hearing noises that sounded like someone walking around. She stated she had a baby monitor in the baby's room but heard no noises from there. Services were rendered and the area checked out OK.
11:06 a.m. Small sewer cover came off near entrance to Rust Way. DPW notified.
12:08 p.m. A burglary alarm was reported on Ripley Road. Alarm activation was reported by the alarm company. The property was checked and secured.
3:06 p.m. An animal complaint was reported on Beechwood Street. Caller reported a loose golden Lab with no leash heading toward Summer Street.
3:32 p.m. An animal complaint was reported on Cedar Street. Caller reported two Pygmy goats, white, in the middle of the road headed toward 288. An area search turned up negative.
10:34 p.m. Fraud was reported on Pleasant Street. A walk-in party reported someone ordering a replacement debit card from his account and using it at different ATMs.



TRAFFIC SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK: Never put your feet or legs against the dashboard or out the window. In a crash, the passenger side air bag will deploy from the dashboard at 200 mph, resulting in serious injuries to legs or feet. Typically, the injuries include broken bones. With the warmer weather we see more passengers riding this way. In addition, you block the drivers view of the passenger side mirror and create a blind spot. COURTESY PHOTO



SAVE THE DATE

Choral Concert benefits the Cohasset Education Foundation

The Boston Saengerfest Men's Chorus will perform from 4 to 6 p.m. May 15 at Cohasset's Red Lion Inn, 71 S. Main St.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the Cohasset Education Foundation. BSMC has performed at historic venues including Carnegie Hall, Fenway Park, and the Royal Albert Hall in London. The pops-style program will feature a mix of musical genres, including classical, folk, Broadway classics, Welsh and Irish works. The event is suitable for all ages.

Tickets are $22 with a cash bar available. To purchase tickets, visit cohasseteducationfoundation.org or saengerfest.org.

WORKSHOP

'Powerful Tools for Caregivers'

Cohasset Elder Affairs will present "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" from 1 to 2:30 p.m. beginning May 25, held Wednesdays until June 19 at Cohasset Elder Affairs, Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St.

This is an educational series designed to provide caregivers with the tools needed to care for themselves. This program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources. This workshop is free.

For information: 781-383-9112.

FISH

Transportation for local seniors

Cohasset Elder Affairs is delighted to announce that as of May 1 the administration of the FISH (Friends in Service to Humanity) transportation program will transition to their office. FISH volunteers provide rides to Cohasset seniors for out-of-town appointments using personal vehicles.

Trips will be beyond Cohasset and serve locations for which taking public transportation would be burdensome, or for which public transportation is not available. Rides occur Monday-Friday for appointments that are scheduled between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Elder Affairs actively seeks additional drivers. Typically, a FISH driver commits to one or two scheduled days per month. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the CEA transportation staff at 781-383-9112. Elder Affairs welcomes the opportunity to facilitate this valuable program and to maintaining the reliability and integrity of a service that has been a benefit to Cohasset residents for many years.

DON'T MISS THIS

Swim Center to offer new courses

The Cohasset Swim Center is now accepting registration for memberships and advanced training courses.

Red Cross Swim Lesson registration is available now and will be until June 15. Swim lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions: session I: June 27 – July 8; session II: July 11 – 22; session III: July 25 - August 5; and session IV: August 8 - 19.

Walk-in registration for swim lessons will be available at the front desk on weekends. Once the CSC opens full time for the season, members and nonmembers can sign up anytime at the front desk for any one of the four, two-week sessions. Classes are first-come, first-served.

Lifeguard certification training will be held June 22 - 24 and the water safety instructor course will be held June 25 - 27. For lifeguards needing to renew their certification, CSC is also offering the updated Lifeguard Recertification with CPR/AED on June 19.

For more details and to register, visit cohassetswimcenter.com.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries appearing in this section are paid for and written by families, often through the services of a funeral director.

Herbert G. Lipsett

NAPLES, ME – The memorial service for Herbert Gerry Lipsett (84) will be held at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Marblehead, MA at 11 AM on Saturday May 7, 2016. The service will be followed by interment at the Waterside Cemetery and a reception at the Harbor Gardens Inn.

How to Submit an Obituary to the Weekly Newspapers

To contact our obituary department, please e-mail

obits@wickedlocal.com

or

call **781-433-6905**

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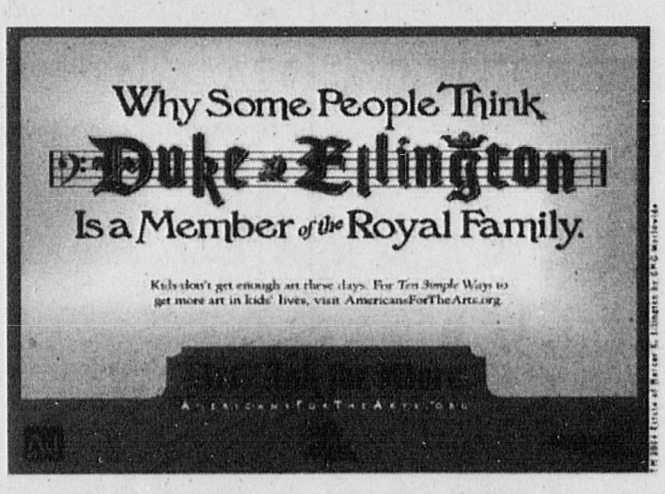
Fax **781-433-6965**

Obituaries for the weekly newspapers are taken at the Randolph office Monday through Friday.

Please Call for Deadline Details



Legal Notices

PUBLIC MEETING

LEGAL NOTICE
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Project File No. 607345

A Public Informational Meeting will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Atlantic Avenue Bridge over Little Harbor Inlet Replacement project in Cohasset, MA.

WHERE: Wilcutt Commons
Cohasset Senior Center
90 Sohier Street
Cohasset, MA 02025

WHEN: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Atlantic Avenue Bridge over Little Harbor Inlet Replacement project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing the existing Atlantic Avenue Bridge over Little Harbor Inlet in its present location with improvements to the approach roadway. The roadway will be closed during construction and traffic detoured. Shared use accommodations consisting of a wide travel lane with shared lane markings have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Cohasset is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands.

Plans will be on display one-half hour before the meeting begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Informational Meeting regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Bridge Project Management, Project File No. 607345. Such submissions will also be accepted at the meeting. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the meeting.

In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/

THOMAS J. TINLIN
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

PATRICIA A. LEAVENWORTH, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER

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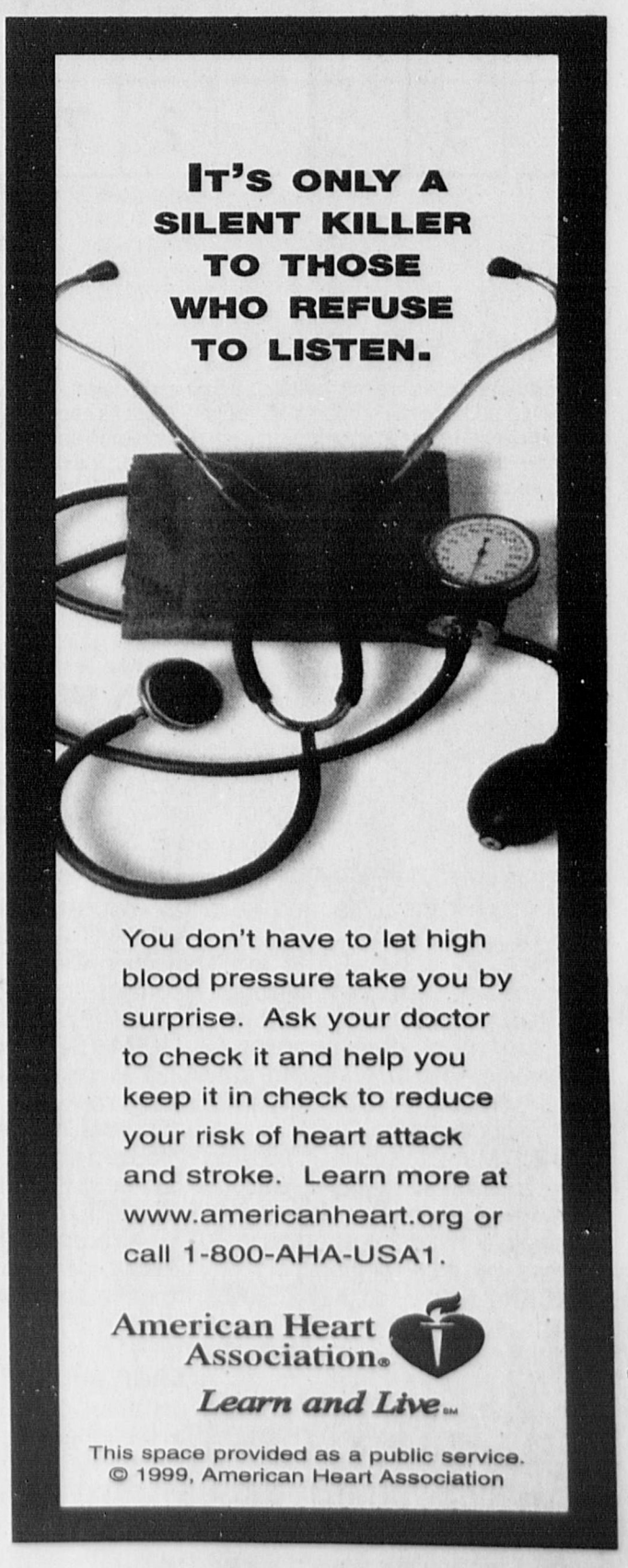


LEGAL NOTICE

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Cohasset
Office of the Collector
Notice of Tax Taking

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED YOU ARE HEARBY NOTIFIED That on May 26, 2016 at 10 o'clock a.m. at the Collector's Office,Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as collector of taxes, the following described parcel/s of land will BE TAKEN FOR THE TOWN OF COHASSET for non-payment of taxes due thereon, with the interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.Paula M. Linhares, Collector

Property Location: 71 HULL ST
Assessed Owner(s): EMANUELLO FRANCES H & ANTHONY P
Subsequent Owner: EMANUELLO JEANETTE & ALBERT V
(if applicable)
Tax Bill#: 889 Map/Parcel ID: A3-03-006
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 65340 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 8434 Page 354
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 1,292.04
WATER/SEWER LIENS: 0.00
BETTS/LIENS 0.00

Property Location: HOWE RD
Assessed Owner(s): SHANNON MATTHEW
Subsequent Owner:
(if applicable)
Tax Bill#: 772 Map/Parcel ID: B2-01-004
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 21087 square feet of land and being Lot 43A on Ld.Ct.Pl.6117-H, filed w/cert. of Title 60279, Book 302 and described in Norfolk Registry District Cert. of Title 187585
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 304.74
WATER/SEWER LIENS: 0.00

Property Location: CEMETERY RD
Assessed Owner(s): CAMPBELL BARBARA A
S/O 792 JERUSALEM REALTY TRUST LEAH POPIELARSKI
Subsequent Owner:
(if applicable)
Tax Bill#: 390 Map/Parcel ID: B2-02-033A
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 72963 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 32973 Page 479
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 5,497.24
WATER/SEWER LIENS: 0.00

Property Location: HOWE RD
Assessed Owner(s): SHANNON MATTHEW
Subsequent Owner:
(if applicable)
Tax Bill#: 773 Map/Parcel ID: B2-08-041
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 18221 square feet of land and being Lot 44 on Ld.Ct.Pl.6117-F, sh,2,filed w/cert. of Title 54243, Book 272 and described in Norfolk Registry District Cert. of title 187585
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 230.60
WATER/SEWER LIENS: 0.00

Property Location: HOWE RD
Assessed Owner(s): SHANNON MATTHEW
Subsequent Owner:
(if applicable)
Tax Bill#: 774 Map/Parcel ID: B2-08-042
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 25382 square feet of land and being Lot 15 on Ld. Ct. Pl.6117-C, sh1,filed w/cert. of Title 48863, Book 245 and described in Norfolk Registry District Cert. of Title 187586
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 330.52
WATER/SEWER LIENS: 0.00

Property Location: 10 CEDARLEDGE VILLAGE
Assessed Owner(s): PALMER SALLY E
Subsequent Owner:
(if applicable)
Tax Bill#: 741 Map/Parcel ID: B4-05-057-010
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, and being Unit 10 of the Cedar Village Condominium and being the premises recorded at Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 29163 Page 399
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 568.68
WATER/SEWER LIENS: 0.00
BETTS/LIENS: 0.00

Property Location: 589 JERUSALEM RD
Assessed Owner(s): GOLD COAST REAL ESTATE LLC
S/O 589 JERUSALEM REALTY LLC
Subsequent Owner:
(if applicable)
Tax Bill#: 902 Map/Parcel ID: C1-09-032
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 54014 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 32782 Page 99
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 5,999.21
WATER/SEWER LIENS: 8,559.00

Property Location: FOREST AVE
Assessed Owner(s): CAMPEDELLI LOUIS
CAMPEDELLI BERYL
Subsequent Owner:
(if applicable)
Tax Bill#: 4109 Map/Parcel ID: C4-06-027
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 99316 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 21065 Page 341
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 518.38
WATER/SEWER LIENS: 0.00

Property Location: 472 BEECHWOOD ST
Assessed Owner(s): BRAGA STEVEN A
BRAGA MAUREEN KELLY
Subsequent Owner:
(if applicable)
Tax Bill#: 278 Map/Parcel ID: D11-55-010
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 14028 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 16420 Page 239
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 1,523.44
WATER/SEWER LIENS: 0.00

Property Location: 71 DOANE ST
Assessed Owner(s): LAUGELLE LISA ANNE TR
DOANE REALTY TRUST
Subsequent Owner:
(if applicable)
Tax Bill#: 1580 Map/Parcel ID: D11-56-001
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 54450 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 23140 Page 301
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 2,982.10
WATER/SEWER LIENS: 1,580.17

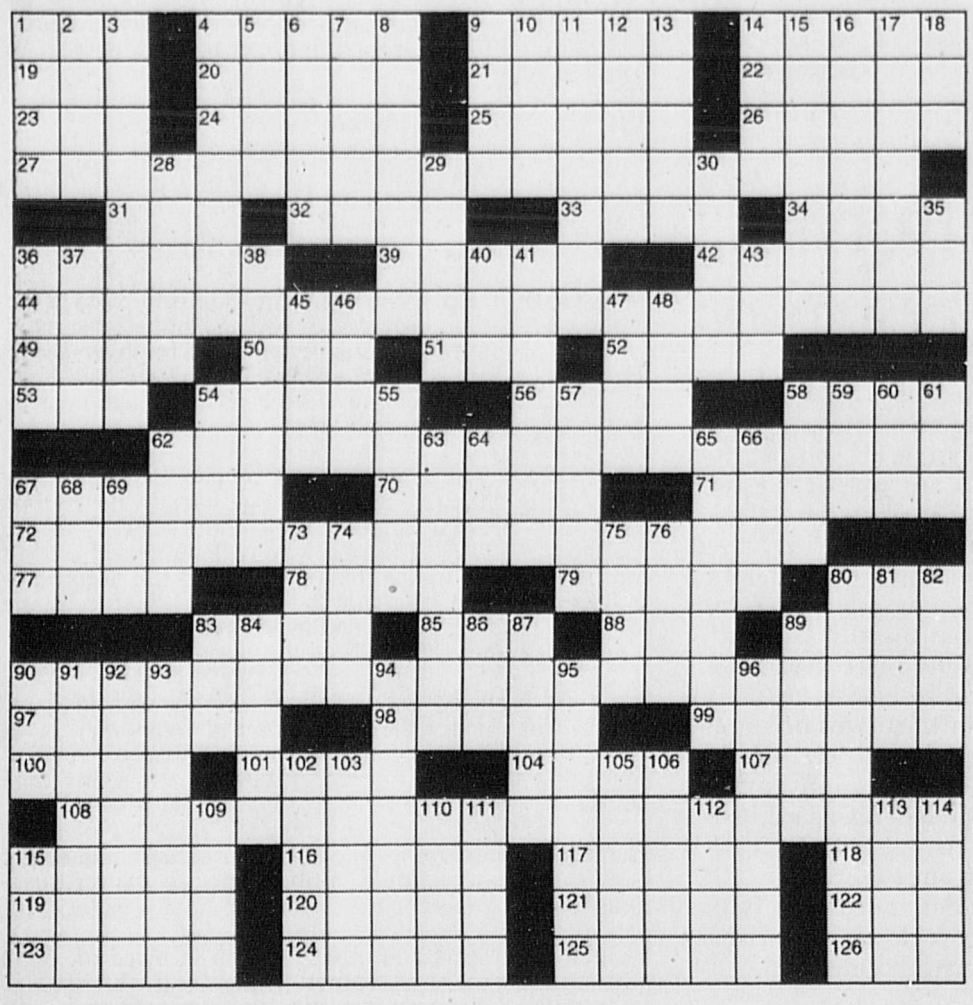
Property Location: 253 NORTH MAIN ST
Assessed Owner(s): HABIBY ANNE
Subsequent Owner:
(if applicable)
Tax Bill#: 1188 Map/Parcel ID: D5-14-002
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 59241 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 23377 Page 154
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 6,859.54
WATER/SEWER LIENS: 0.00

Property Location: 50 SUMMER ST
Assessed Owner(s): SULLIVAN GREGORY P
Subsequent Owner:
(if applicable)
Tax Bill#: 1007 Map/Parcel ID: F6-32-034
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 6158 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 28880 Page 4
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 642.91
WATER/SEWER LIENS: 0.00

Property Location: 427 SOUTH MAIN ST
Assessed Owner(s): LANIER ANTHONY W
LANIER CARLENE G
Subsequent Owner:
(if applicable)
Tax Bill#: 1565 Map/Parcel ID: F8-36-010
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 36590 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 14619 Page 465
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES: 747.90
WATER/SEWER LIENS: 0.00

PUZZLES

Crossword • EMPLOYEE-CONSUMER POLICY



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ACROSS
1 P.E. place
4 Honey pies
9 "— the time!"
14 FBI tactics
19 Kauai necklace
20 Muslim's god
21 Range brand
22 Forever, in poetry
23 Cask wood
24 "Resident Evil" actress Jovovich
25 Of warships
26 Tribal groups
27 Start of a riddle
31 Writer Wolfe
32 "Pow!"
33 Longtime NBC host Jay
34 "Right back —!"
36 Buy
39 German for "love"
42 Parish leader
44 Riddle, part 2
49 Pressing tool
50 "... or — gather"
51 Big blue body
52 Feel pain
53 Darted
54 Insufficient
56 No, in Russia
58 Slaughter on a diamond
62 Riddle, part 3
67 Inmate's wish
70 Voice one's approval
71 Almost
72 Riddle, part 4
77 Weapon filler
78 "Eraser" actor James
79 Aristocratic
80 See 83-Across
83 With 80-Across, starts a golf game
85 Hypothetical cases
88 "Casual" day: Abbr.
89 Having what it takes
90 End of the riddle
97 Hungers
98 Some Iroquoians
99 Some sushi bar suppliers
100 Bombeck with wit
101 Mensch lead-in
104 Brand found at Petco
107 Blemish
108 Riddle's answer
115 "A Lesson From Aloes" playwright Fugard
116 Piano exercise
117 Keats' "— a Grecian Urn"
118 Seemingly forever
119 Diplomat Silas
120 Old fax alternative
121 Tooth: Prefix
122 Tango team
123 Curving billiards shot
124 A Lott of politics
125 "Bullitt" director Peter
126 Hem, e.g.

DOWN
1 Luminesce
2 "You bet"
3 Evander Holyfield rival
4 Moistened floor wiper
5 Nobelist Wiesel
6 Let happen
7 "Wreck-It —" (Disney film)
8 Clinton cabineteer Donna
9 Ma's ma
10 Sharif of Hollywood
11 Ripple
12 Bowled over
13 Styling site
14 Big lamb cut
15 Start of a simple request
16 Volunteer's declaration
17 "A pox upon thee!," updated
18 The "S" of GPS: Abbr.
28 Not at all exciting
29 Arab VIPs
30 One using a lasso
35 Museum pieces
36 Au —
37 Gillette offering
38 Savior
40 Manage, with "out"
41 Slow cooker, of a sort
43 Facade
45 Speckled horse
46 Diner freebie
47 Huntley of news
48 Jabba the —
54 Dover fish
55 Ice dancing gold medalist Virtue
57 Alaska river
58 Fabergé collectibles
59 Utmost in degree
60 "Well, well, well!"
61 One of a D.C. 100
62 Chanel of fragrances
63 Wetter, weatherwise
64 Similarly defined wd.
65 Gradient
66 "Swoosh" shoe brand
67 FedExCup org.
68 Bracelet spot
69 DVD- —
73 "Law & Order: SVU" co-star
74 "— of Eden"
75 Far from firm
76 "— -Ca-Dabra" (1974 hit)
80 Certain instrument inserts
81 Bloom, in Barcelona
82 Gangbusters
83 Unit of bricks
84 Result
86 "By the way" memo abbr.
87 "Try to — my way ..."
89 Without — (perfect)
90 Ex-zee linkup
91 Celestial Seasonings offering
92 Japanese motorcycles
93 Hot-breathed beasts
94 Christie sleuth Poirot
95 En masse
96 Natives of 110-Down
102 Football player Favre
103 Perfume compound
105 Jason jilted her
106 Aroma
109 Elation
110 Mideastern oil port
111 Adjacent (to)
112 Table d'—
113 Libertine guy
114 Winter fall
115 USN honcho

Sudoku

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Level: Moderate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Magic Maze • FALL WORDS

F V S P M J H E B Y V T Q O L
I G D B Y W T R P M K I F Y N
D B Y W U S P Q O M K S I U E
L L A F D N I W F D B N K G L
Z X F W U S T Q Y O B O C L L
N L J F H F F C D E C W A L A
A Y W V O T A S F Q P F B A F
N L T U O L L A F D N A L F E
K I H F L E L C B W Z L L T C
Y W V A U L O A O S R L A U I
Q P F N M L W D F J I S F O H

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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Fall guy	Falloff	Icefall	Snowfall
Fallacy	Fallout	Landfall	

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HOROSCOPE

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're the first sign in the Zodiac and like to take the lead wherever you go. But this time, you'd be wise to follow someone who has much to teach you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your adversary hasn't given up trying to undermine you. Continue to stay cool — someone in authority knows what's happening.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Spring brings a positive aspect for relationships. Paired Twins grow closer, while the single set finds new romance — perhaps with a Leo or Libra.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Wavering aspects this week mean weighing your words carefully to avoid misunderstandings.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You could soon be on a new career path in pursuit of those long-standing goals, but don't cut any current ties until you're sure you're ready to make the change.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A former colleague wants to re-establish an old professional connection. It would be wise to make the contact, at least until you know what he or she is planning.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship that survived some rocky moments could be facing a new challenge. Deal with the problem openly, honestly and without delay. Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A recent and much-appreciated change in the workplace inspires you to make some changes in your personal life as well. Start with a plan to travel more.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friend needs your kind and caring advice, but you need to know what he or she is hiding from you before you agree to get involved.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your circle of friends continues to widen. Expect to hear from someone in your past who hopes to re-establish your once-close relationship.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your aspects favor the arts. Indulge in whatever artistic expression you enjoy most. A workplace situation will, I'm pleased to say, continue to improve.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Warning! Your tendency to let things slide until the last minute could have a negative effect on a relationship that you hope can develop into something meaningful.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are both emotional and sensible. You enjoy being with people. Good career choices include teaching, performing and the clergy.

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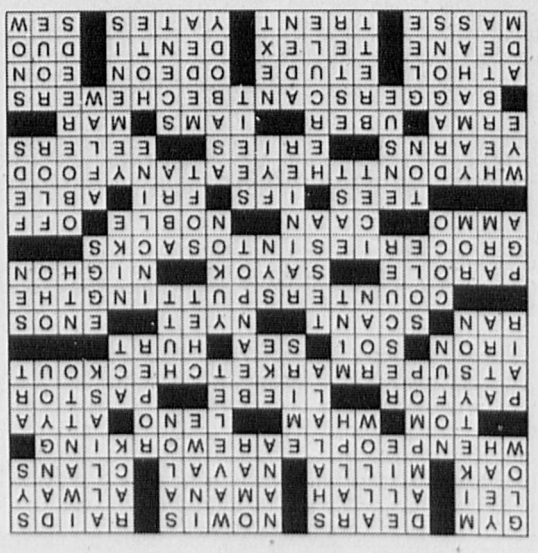
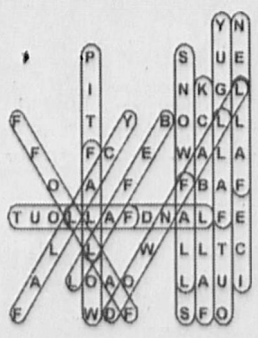
SOLUTIONS





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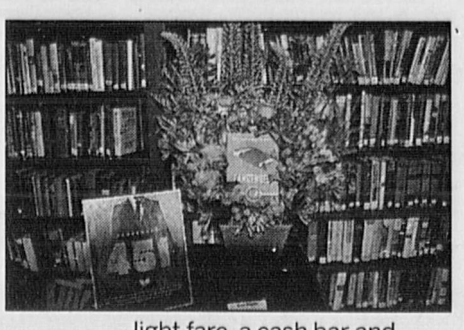
CALENDAR

HOW TO SUBMIT

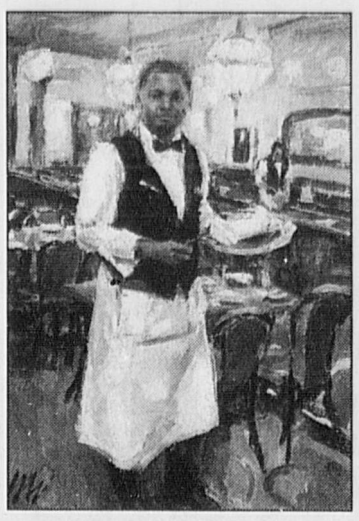
Event information can be input online by following the directions at the bottom of this page, sent by email to scalendar@wickedlocal,com or sent by fax to 781-837-4543. Listings must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Photos should be a jpeg with a resolution of at least 200 dpi and no smaller than 3X5 inches in size. For more information call 508-591-6623.

Books in Bloom opening party at the James Library



WHEN: 6-9 p.m., Friday, May 6
WHAT: Books in Bloom opening party at the James Library
INFO: Books in Bloom opening party will be held at the James Library, 24 West St., Norwell. The James is filled with creative flower arrangements depicting favorite books selected by 30 South Shore artists. Support the James by attending this festive benefit party that features live music, light fare, a cash bar and spectacular artistry. Tickets are $25 in advance, $30 at the door. Sponsored by Jennifer and Mark McGreenery. Proceeds benefit the library.
For information: 781-659-7100, www.jameslibrary.org.

Meet artist Eli Cedrone at South Street Gallery



WHEN: 6-9 p.m., Friday, May 6
WHAT: Opening reception for Eli Cedrone at South Street Gallery in Hingham
INFO: Opening art reception will be held at South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham. Meet Stoughton artist Eli Cedrone. Her exhibit will be on display May 1-31, featuring paintings of interiors, figures and landscapes. Pictured: "Back Bay Bistro," oil, by Eli Cedrone.
For information: 781-749-0430, www.southstreetgallery.com.

Mother's Day sale and art demo at Gallery Nantasket

WHEN: 3-6 p.m., Saturday, May 7
WHAT: Mother's Day celebration sale and upcycled art demo at Gallery Nantasket
INFO: Mother's Day celebration sale and upcycled art demo at Gallery Nantasket, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull, in association with The Little Shop of Paula's. Many, many original artworks will be on sale throughout the gallery that day only. Hull artist Connie Crosby (pictured) will demonstrate "Turning Straw into Gold." See how she transforms found materials into whimsical and useful treasures. Enjoy wine, cheese, and other goodies.
For information: gallerynantasket.com.

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Friday, May 6

ARTISANS IN THE SQUARE: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., 63 South St., Hingham. Today the artisan of the month, Mary Hunter, of Sea Glass Originals by Mary, will be featured from 5 to 8 p.m. For information: 781-749-2590, www.artisansinthesquare.com.

ARTS FESTIVAL: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Second Parish Church, 685 Main St., Hingham. May 5 through 15. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Local art for sale, music, wine tasting and more. All events free except the May 7 concert at 7 p.m.; tickets $20 at the door or $15 in advance at the church. For information: 781-749-1671, second parish@yahoo.com.

BOOKS IN BLOOM OPENING PARTY: 6-9 p.m., James Library, 24 West St., Norwell. The James is filled with creative flower arrangements depicting favorite books selected by 30 South Shore artists. Support the James by attending this festive benefit party that features live music, light fare, a cash bar and spectacular artistry. Tickets are $25 in advance, $30 at the door. Sponsored by Jennifer and Mark McGreenery, proceeds benefit the library. For information: 781-659-7100, www.jameslibrary.org.

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FIRST FRIDAY RECEPTION, CAROLE BERREN: 6-8:30 p.m., Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate. Music by the Driftway Jazz. Berren's watercolor art will be on display from May 6 to 29. For information: 781 545-6150, www.frontstartgallery.com.

FLASHBACK FOR EDUCATION DANCE PARTY: 7:30-11:30 p.m., Nantasket Beach Resort, 45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull. The 1970s, '80s, and '90s inspired dance party is to raise funds for student enrichment. This 21+ event is open to the public. Retro attire is preferred so dress up in your favorite decade and get ready to party. There will be funky music, trivia and many items for raffle and silent auction, including Red Sox tickets and Disney Park Hopper Passes. Tickets are $25 in advance or $30 at the door for a night of dancing and fun. For information: www.sjs80sflashback.com.

MUSIC AT SANCTUARY HALL SERIES FINALE: 8 p.m., East Weymouth Congregational Church, 1320 Commercial St. at Jackson Square, East Weymouth. The Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra will perform. The iconic music of John Williams, from the 1980 film, "The Empire Strikes Back," will highlight the varied program that will include music from "Fiddler on the Roof" and Leroy Anderson's classic trumpet challenge, "Buglers' Holiday." Doors will open at 7 p.m. for coffee and dessert. Admission is $10 adults, $5 students and seniors and $20 per family. For information: 781-974-3503, www.musicatsanctuaryhall.org.

MERCY WILL PERFORM: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Saturday, May 7

MIGRATING SONGBIRD WALK: 8-10 a.m., Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. Join locally renowned birding expert and enthusiast Sally Avery for "Spring Birding" in the woods and trails at Holly Hill Farm. Free to all, but pre-registration is encouraged. Rain or shine, unless heavy rainfall. For information: 781-383-6565, hollyhillfarm.org.

MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., First Congregational Church, 12 Church St., Rockland. Flowering plants, garden plants will be available. Gardeners who want to start their summer garden as well as families wanting to appreciate Moms and important women in their lives, will be able to purchase lovely flowers and plants for their special people. For information: 781-878-1790.

BOOKS IN BLOOM EXHIBIT: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., James Library, 24 West St., Norwell. The James is filled with creative flower arrangements depicting favorite books selected by 30 South Shore artists. No charge for admission. For information: 781-659-7100, www.jameslibrary.org.

BOOK AND BAKE SALE: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the community room at the Rockland Memorial Library, 20 Belmont St. Rockland. Presented by the Friends of the Rockland Memorial Library. You can help support your public library by donating books and baked goods, and by making a purchase. Contact Kathy Looney at 781-878-8448 or Marilyn Brennan . mbrennan547@verizon.net to volunteer. If you can donate baked goods, contact Cyndee Ward at timshel!@verizon.net /781-878-9039. For information: www.rocklandmemoriallibrary.org.

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CALL FOR ART: Work must be submitted May 7-9 to South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, for the SSAC's 61st annual Arts Festival, to be held June 17-19 on Cohasset Common. The work must be original, completed within the last three years, and not previously exhibited at South Shore Art Center or at prior SSAC Arts Festivals. For information: 781-383-2787, www.ssac.org.

ADULT COLORING EVENT: 2-3:30 p.m., Ventress Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. This fun new trend offers adults intricate patterns and designs that promote relaxation and creativity. The library will provide the supplies including coloring pages and colored pencils as well as serve light refreshments. If you already possess an adult coloring book, feel free to take it along. Adults only, no kids. Call or go online to register. For information: 781-834-5535, www.ventresslibrary.org.

CLASSIC GUITAR CONCERT; 3 p.m., Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury. South Shore Conservatory's Classical Guitar ensemble will offer a musical presentation of "The Velveteen Rabbit." The ensemble, under the direction of Suzuki Department chairman and guitar instructor, George Little, is comprised of students ages 9 to 14 who began studying guitar between the ages of 3 and 6. The program is approximately one hour. Registration is appreciated. For information: 781-934-2721, ext. 5632, www.duxburyfreelibrary.org.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION SALE AND UPCYCLED ART DEMO: 3-6 p.m., Gallery Nantasket, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull, in association with The Little Shop of Paula's. Many, many original artworks will be on sale throughout the gallery today only. Hull artist Connie Crosby will demonstrate "Turning Straw into Gold." See how she transforms found materials into whimsical and useful treasures. Enjoy wine, cheese, and other goodies. For information: gallerynantasket.com.

THE EDWARDS TWINS WILL PERFORM: 4 and 8 p.m. at The Company Theatre for the Arts, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, as part of The Company Theatre's 2016 Special Events series. Identical twin brothers Anthony and Eddie Edwards perform the best tunes from 100 superstars with dazzling costumes, live singing and no gimmicks. They fully embody legendary stars including Barbra Streisand, Cher, Bette Midler, Neil Diamond, Elton John and many more. Tickets are $32. For information: 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com.

JAZZ/ROCK/POP DAY: 4:30 to 9 pm., South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. "Music to the Future" is a free event inviting student musicians to enjoy fun, interactive, hands-on educational workshops and performances by SSC faculty, students and distinguished guests, with a focus on the future of music. The event concludes with a blues jam showcasing SSC rock band No Bueno. For information: 781-749-7565, ext. 45, www.sscmusic.org.

SINGER AND ACTOR BRIAN DE LORENZO: 8 p.m., Weymouth Knights of Columbus Hall, 25 Chauncy St., South Weymouth. He will present "Standard Assortment–Selections from the Great American Songbook" with musical accompaniment by the Bill Duffy Trio. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at http://Eventbrite.com.

IN SESSION WILL PERFORM: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Sunday, May 8

FREE BREAKFAST FOR MOTHERS: 8-11 a.m., Phoenix Lodge, 133 Broadway, Hanover. Mothers will eat for free in celebration of Mother's Day at the lodge's monthly breakfast. All- you-can- eat breakfast includes your choice of eggs, bacon, sausages, home fries, hash, toast, pancakes, French toast, baked beans, juice, coffee and tea. The breakfast is $7 per adult and $4 for children under 12 and free for children under 5 (high chairs available). For information: www.phoenix-lodge.org.

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ART EXHIBIT: from May 8 through Sept. 4, "Double Visions" at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will exhibit new work by artists already included in the museum collection. In addition, these artists have been asked to invite an artist of their own choosing. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, call 781-934-6634 or visit www.artcomplex.org.

Thursday, May 12

ARTS FESTIVAL: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Second Parish Church, 685 Main St., Hingham. May 5 through 15. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Local art for sale, music, wine tasting and more. For information: 781-749-1671, second parish@yahoo.com.

MEET AUTHOR THOMAS MOORE: 7:15 p.m., Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Hingham. Moore is the former Catholic monk who drew on multiple traditions to help readers deepen their spiritual lives in the 1992 bestseller, "Care of the Soul." He will be discussing his new book, "The Book of Matthew." No registration required. All are welcome. For information: 781-749-2155, ext. 331.

LISA MARIE WILL SING WITH THE WILLIE J. LAWS BAND: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Followed by open mic with Willie J. Laws Jr. Jammers invited and welcome. Free pizza. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Friday, May 13

ARTS FESTIVAL: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Second Parish Church, 685 Main St., Hingham. May 5 through 15. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Local art for sale, music, wine tasting and more. For information: 781-749-1671, second parish@yahoo.com.

XIXI ZHOU, PIANIST, TO PERFORM: 7 p.m., South Shore Conservatory, Cox Hall, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. New SSC faculty member in a recital featuring works of Haydn, Bach/Busoni, Schubert and Wagner/Liszt. Admission is free and a reception will follow the concert. For information: 781-749-7565, www.sscmusic.org.

SOUL BOX WILL PERFORM: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Saturday, May 14

PERENNIAL GARDENERS PLANT SALE: 8 a.m. to noon, at 78 Main Street in Norwell. Shop at the annual event, for common and uncommon native plants. There will be hardy perennials, ground covers, brushes, irises and much more. For information: www.perennialgardeners.org.

"FINDING HOPE IN DIFFICULT TIMES": 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Double Tree Hilton, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Presented by Charis Bible Colleges of New England, a division of Andrew Wommack Ministries. Experience life-changing teaching by Charis alumni. Praise and worship love offering to be taken. Continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Door prizes. Seating free but limited. Reserve today by email to charis2ne@gmail.com.

WATERCOLOR ON YUPO WORKSHOP: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today and tomorrow, Scituate Art Association's Ellis House, 709 Country Way, Scituate. Carole Berren will conduct the sessions. Workshop fee $185 for SAA members and $235 for non-members. For information: http://frontstartgallery.com, www.scituateart.com.

SANDWICH ARTISANS FINE ART & CRAFTS JURIED SHOW: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the lawn of the Sandwich Public Library, 142 Main St., Sandwich. Upcoming show dates are May 28, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Sept. 24 and Oct. 8. The shows feature fine art, jewelry, pottery, glass work, photographs, hand-crafted clothing, home accessories, wooden items, and much more made by local artisans. For information: sandwichartisans142@gmail.com, www.sandwich-artisans.com.

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DADS AND DONUTS: 10:30-11 a.m., Ventress Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Donuts, stories and coloring for ages 2+ with a dad (or any special caregiver). Registration required. For information: 781-834-5535 ventresslibrary.org.

SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY FOR TWEENS: 2 p.m., Barnes & Noble, The Derby Street Shoppes, 96 Derby St., Hingham. Local authors Monica Tesler and MarcyKate Connolly will have a lively discussion about current science fiction and fantasy for tweens with time for audience questions. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For information: 781-749-3319, https://stores.barnesandnoble.com/store/2194.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR CALENDAR EVENT

Here are some tips on getting your event information posted to the Wicked Local calendar and included in this regional calendar:
REGISTER: Find the Events Calendar on your Wicked Local homepage in the bottom right portion on the website and click on the Add Event button. Click the Register link in the top right hand corner of your calendar page, above Add Event. Enter an email address, first name, last name, password, and password confirmation. Once you click "Register," a verification email will be sent to the email address with which you registered. Be sure to confirm your account through that email to complete the process. Once registered, you will have the ability to add events.
ADD AN EVENT: Click the Add Event button. Fill in required fields such as event title, date, time, category, and venue. Events may be set up to repeat daily, weekly, monthly, or by manually adding additional dates.
ADDITIONAL NOTES:
- The more detail the better in the event description field and there is a section to provide optional contact information.
- Categories are important for tagging events with discoverable search terms and eases a visitor's ability to find the type of events they are looking to attend. An event can have multiple categories.
- Events must be matched to a known venue. You can also add a new venue if your venue is not listed.
- Events are subject to review before appearing on the site.

IMAGES: Make sure to include an image with your event. Events with images command three times the attention than those without. EvieSays uses a simple image uploader with options to drag and drop or browse, so adding images to your event is easy.

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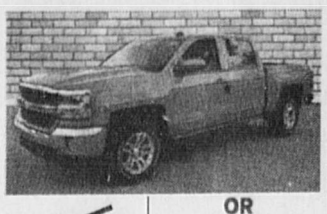

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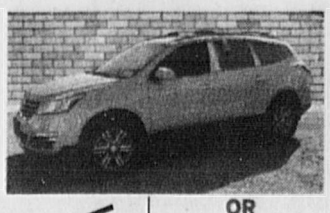

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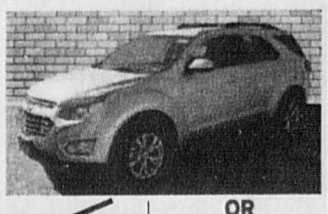

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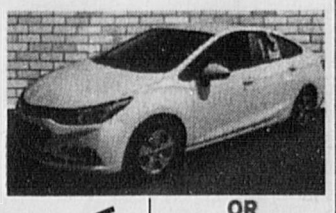

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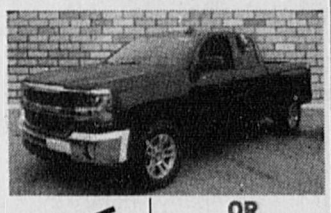

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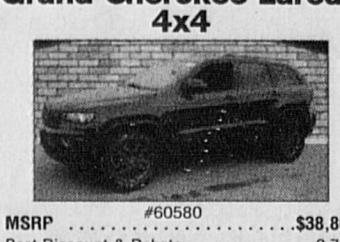

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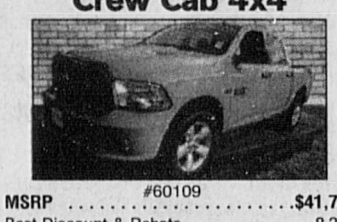

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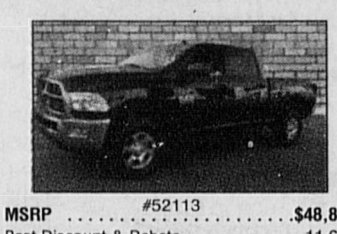

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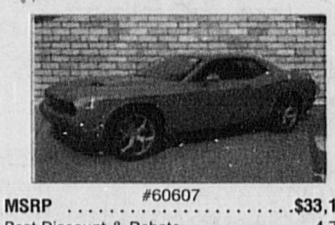

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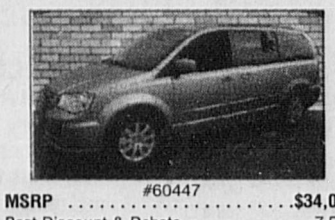

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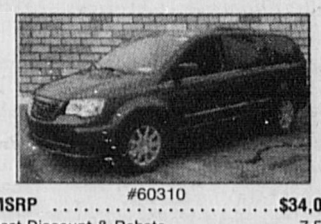

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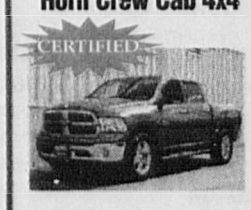

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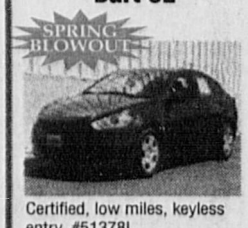

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